Bor.. E. A. Cearar,
United Grain Growers,
Winnipeg. Man.

ANNUAL CONVENTION NUMBER

THE U.F.A.

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF
THE UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA — THE ALBERTA WHEAT POOL
AND OTHER PROVINCIAL MARKETING POOLS

Vol. VIII | CALGARY, ALBERTA, FEBRUARY 1st, 1929 | No. 3

Board of Directors of United Farmers of Alberta for 1929

Back Row, left to right—H. Hanson, Namaka; Geo. Church, Balzac; A. F. Aitken, Moyerton; J. K. Sutherland, Hanna; H. Critchlow, Berkhead; H. G. Young, Millet; H. B. MacLeod, High River; Glen Storie, North Edmonton; J. Fowlie, Social Plains; W. R. McGowan, Vegreville.

Middle Row, left to right—H. E. G. H. Schofield, Vice-President, Crossfield; Miss F. Bateman, Secretary, Calgary; Mrs. A. H. Warr, President U.F.W.A., Waskatenau; H. W. Wood, President, Carstairs; Mrs. F. E. Wyman, 1st Vice-President U.F.W.A., Calgary; Mrs. R. Price, 2nd Vice-President U.F.W.A., Stettler; R. Pye, Penhold.

Front Row, left to right—I. V. Macklin, Grande Prairie; J. A. Johnson, Westford; Charles Mills, Fleet, President Junior Branch; D. MacLachlan, Clyde; J. E. Brown, Carmangay.

Sun Life Policyholders to Receive Special Bonus

In addition to regular dividends in 1929 of approximately $17,500,000

Office of the President,
Montreal, *January 8, 1929.*

To Our Policyholders:

We have just completed another wonderful year, with profit earnings never before equalled. Our Directors have therefore inaugurated the principle of allowing a Special Bonus on maturing participating policies. The basis for 1929 may be summarized as follows:

On policies ten years in force, maturing by death (or on "reserve dividend" policies) by the expiry of the reserve dividend period, a bonus of 10 per cent of the reserve, increasing yearly to 15 per cent on policies in force twenty years or longer; on endowments, at maturity, a bonus of 10 per cent of the face value of policies ten years in force, increasing yearly to 15 per cent on policies in force twenty years or longer.

Details will be given in the forthcoming annual report.

This special bonus is in addition to, and independent of, the usual annual profit distribution, the scale for which, for the ninth consecutive year, will again be increased.

We congratulate our members on this happy announcement. It has been made possible only by the large profits earned on the securities selected for the investment of the Company's funds.

As ninety five per cent of all surplus earned by the participating assurances accrues to our policyholders themselves, they enjoy practical mutuality, combined with the enterprise and stability of stock management. The effect of this combination is evidenced by the results.

T. B. MACAULAY,
President.

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

Head Office - Montreal

AGRICULTURAL SHORT COURSE

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

February 11th to February 22nd, 1929

Lectures and Demonstrations on soils, field and garden crops, livestock, poultry, insect and disease pests, dairying, farm machinery, etc.

For particulars write to

THE DEAN OF AGRICULTURE

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA EDMONTON, ALTA.

WHEN IN EDMONTON MAKE

The Corona Hotel

"YOURS" HEADQUARTERS

Rates that Are Reasonable

SUBSCRIPTION

One Year $1.00
Single Copies ..... 10 cents

Make remittances by money order or postal note. We cannot accept responsibility for currency forwarded through the mail.

Change of Address—When ordering a change of address, the former as well as the present address should be given; otherwise the alteration cannot be made.

CIRCULATION

Average Net paid circulation, six months ending January 15th 1929 25,437

ADVERTISEMENT COMMITTEE

H. E. G. M. SCHOLFIELD, J. JOHN STEWART

THE U.F.A.

Published on the 1st and 15th of each month by
THE UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA
Langhorst Building
CALGARY - ALBERTA

Official Organ of
THE ALBERTA WHEAT POOL
THE ALBERTA LIVESTOCK POOL
THE ALBERTA DAIRY POOL
THE ALBERTA EGG AND POULTRY POOL
THE ALBERTA CO-OPERATIVE WHOLESALE

Editor
W. DUNCAN MARSH

RATES

Commercial Display ..... 35c per agate line
($2.50 per inch)

Livestock Display ..... (rates on application)

Classified ..... 3c per word prepaid

No discount for time or space

New copy must reach us 8 days in advance of publication to insure insertion.

No advertisements taken for liquor, or speculative investment schemes. None other than reliable advertisements will be knowingly accepted. Readers will render a favor by advising us promptly of unsatisfactory dealings with advertisers.

ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT

W. C. HOGG, A. M. TURNER

Vol. VIII CALGARY, ALBERTA, FEBRUARY 1st, 1929 No. 3

Principal Contents

	Page
Editorial	3
Premier J. E. Brownlee Brings Greetings	4
Twenty-first Annual Convention	5
A Delegate's Survey of the Annual Convention	7
"Certain and Determined Action" re Power	8
United Farm Women Deal with Vital Problems	9
Convention Demands Removal Grain Commissioner	12
Coarse Grains Pool for Alberta	15
President Urges Concerted Effort by Locals	17
Growth Shown in Report of U.F.W.A. President	19
U.F.A. Central Board for 1928 Report	20
Report on "The U.F.A." Shows Increased Interest	21
News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office	22
Pool Points Way to Co-operative Civilization	23
Convention Authorizes Reorganization of C.C.A.	27
Interests of the United Farm Women	28
Our Annual Convention in Retrospect	29
U.F.A. Junior Activities	31
News from Alberta Dairy Pool Head Office	34
Northern Alberta Pool to Erect $75,000 Plant	36
News from Head Office Alberta Livestock Pool	38
Board Presents Strong Case for Public Ownership	43
News of the Organization	44

OFFICERS OF THE UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA FOR THE YEAR 1929

President

R. W. Wood ..... Castleton

Vice-President

H. E. G. M. Scholfield ..... Crossfield

Executive

R. W. Wood, Castleton; H. E. G. M. Scholfield, Crossfield; J. K. Sutherland, Hanna; J. A. Johnson, Woolford; A. P. Aitken, Meyerton; Mrs. A. M. Ware, Wetaskiwin (ex-officio).

Directors

Acadia, J. K. Sutherland, Hanna; Athabasca, Donald MacLachlan, Clyde; Battle River, A. P. Aitken, Meyerton; Bow River, Harvey Hansen, Namaka; Camrose, J. E. Brown, Castor; E. and W. Calgary, George Church, Balzac; E. and W. Edmonton, Glen Storie, North Edmonton; Lethbridge, J. A. Johnson, Woolford; Macleod, H. B. MacLeod, High River; Medicine Hat, John Fowlie, Social Plains; Peace River South, H. Critchlow, Berthead; Peace River North, I. V. Macklin, Grande Prairie; Red Deer, Ronald Tye, Penhold; Vegreville, W. R. McGowan, Vegreville; Wetaskiwin, R. G. Young, Millet; Mrs. F. E. Wyman, Calgary (ex-officio) Mrs. R. Price, Stettler (ex-officio); Charles Mills (ex-officio).

Secretary-Treasurer

Miss F. Bateman ..... Calgary

EDITORIAL

THE CONVENTION AND AFTER

There is a very general opinion in rural Alberta that the recent Convention will prove the prelude to a period of healthy and steady expansion in the membership of the Association. The spirit revealed in the Convention, the deep interest in the proceedings manifest by the whole rural community, as well as the recognition in every quarter of the importance of the issues debated and decided, and of the power which may be exercised through organization for the improvement of the status of agriculture and the raising of the standards of citizenship, suggest that this confidence is well grounded.

Certainly there has been no Convention since the days when the peak of membership was reached, at which enthusiasm was keener, though except in two or three debates it was less demonstrative than in that earlier period of development.

It is, we believe, true that the influence of the Association is deeper than it ever was before. It extends far beyond the active, enrolled membership. Many of the farmers who have remained outside the ranks of the Association are beginning to realize that the U.F.A. is simply the farmers in action, that every member has an equal opportunity with his fellows to shape its policies, and that except through organization and co-operation with his fellows there is no means by which the good citizen may make his citizenship effective.

* * *

"PUBLIC RELATIONS"

The Calgary Power Company are to be congratulated on the fact that at a time when they are seeking to make deals with the various civic authorities, the *Albertan* has expressed editorial opinions which could not have been more favorable to the company's interest if the copy had been supplied direct by the company's own public relations department.

* * *

Is the editorial in which the *Albertan* quotes a carefully selected paragraph from the *Cardston News*, and goes out of its way to explain what charming people the Calgary Power Company are to deal with, to be construed as definitely laying down the *Albertan's* policy upon the power issue?

* * *

SESSIONAL REPORTS

From this date forward until the end of the session of the Legislature, *The U.F.A.* will be published weekly, in order to provide our readers with an adequate account of the proceedings. J. P. Watson, whose able reports and racy and penetrating comment from the press gallery have for some years been valued features of the paper, is now engaged in other important work in the movement. This year the news of the session will be written by Norman F. Priestley, who needs no introduction to our readers. Mr. Priestley has long been active in the organization and devoted to its ideals, and is well known as a speaker and writer. Verses from his pen, which we have been fortunate in receiving, have struck the authentic note of poetry. Of "A Farmer's Fever," published in *The U.F.A.* and *Willison's Monthly* some time ago, a Westerner who is known as a discriminating critic wrote: "It is one of the best things that have come out of Alberta. I have always thought that the great poem of Canada would be an epic of the wheat. This is one phase of it."

(Continued on page 40)

Premier J. E. Brownlee Brings Greetings to Convention

Twenty Years' History of U.F.A. Marks Generation of Definite Progress

Premier Brownlee's address before the U.F.A. Convention is given in full below.

I have come here this morning to bring to the Twenty-first Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta the very cordial greetings and good wishes of the Executive Council of this Province. I understand from your good President that this is the twenty-first convention, counting the organization meeting. I don't know that years, after all, matter a very great deal in the life of an organization or in the life of an individual. You know the saying that a man is as old as he feels, and I suppose that that is true also of an organization. I believe that most of you will agree with me as you look on your esteemed President that he presides over this convention with patriarchal grace but I could, if I wished to break confidence, tell you of occasions when he has apparently the youth of a boy of ten or twelve years. Even His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, has been known to chase a little white ball over acres of ground, through trees and rough grass.

Twenty Years' Progress

But age does mean something; and an organization that can look back over twenty years and remember that that twenty years marks almost the history of our Province is in a position where it can claim substance and stability, and can justly lay claim to the fact that it has made a most substantial contribution not only to the life of the Province and its development, but it has left its impress on every statute on the statute books of that Province.

You cannot judge progress by years, but by decades and generations. In the twenty years of its existence the Province has increased its population from 185,000 to 627,000; from a total contribution of agricultural wealth of about $16,000,000 to a total last year of $330,000,000.

And so we look back over that generation and find it a generation of definite progress. It was twenty years of very definite progress by your organization. At first, one of the most common subjects was what the Government might be able to do to assist economically the development of the agricultural industry. This year has been a year of keen disappointment. . . . I do not know of any keener disappointment that I ever felt myself than when I returned from a vacation and read something of conditions as they were when I returned. But that disappointment, I believe, will be worth while if it drives home to every farmer and farm woman in this Province the truth of what you have accomplished in your own position economically without assistance from Governments—very definite progress. You can make this an occasion when, based upon the accomplishment of the past, you can make it a period of consecration for greater effort in the future.

The Natural Resources

There is one problem that will come before the attention of the people very definitely this year. Whether there will be a complete settlement of that problem this year I do not know, but I think possibly I would be failing in my duty if I did not place before you very briefly the real problem which is to be faced in

Hon. J. E. BROWNLEE

connection with the subject of which I am about to speak. I think that between now and next Convention there is quite a possibility that Alberta may be placed in the status of the Eastern Provinces by the return of the natural resources. (Applause). That is something that we have hoped for and worked for from the beginning of the Province in 1905, sometimes believing that we were on the eve of success, only to have our hopes dashed. But never in all the years of negotiation has there been so much promise of a settlement as at the present time.

We must remember that when the tide of immigration swept over Western Canada, it came from the eastward. The result is that although we have as many acres as they have in Saskatchewan, only a fraction of our lands has been taken up, as compared with the other two Provinces, and moreover we have proven already large resources of mines and minerals, not to speak of the hope that we have of oil. The resources of Alberta are much more valuable than those of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The Dominion Government has offered to turn over to us the balance of the resources and to continue the present subsidy of $562,000 a year for all time.

Problem To Be Faced

Here is the problem that we have to face. Approximately, we believe, the same offer will be made to Saskatchewan and Manitoba, but in Saskatchewan the indemnity is some $700,000, and there is no doubt at all that the minimum terms that can be given will be the continuation of their subsidy and turning back to them the balance of their resources. In 1906 no distinction was drawn between the value of mines and minerals in the two Provinces. One might well ask why make the discrimination now that you handing them back, and why treat one Province more generously than another? And the problem that you will have to decide is that whether we should agree to what is a manifest unfairness or whether we should forget about that, and, realizing the fact that we do have much larger resources, be prepared to take them now in order that we may have control of them and trust to the generosity of future Parliaments. I am not prepared to say to you what the decision of the Government will be. What I do ask is that you give this your consideration and be able to pass on your opinion through your representatives when they meet to take up their work in the coming session.

I listened over the radio the other night to the announcement of the opening of the state Legislature of one of the larger states of the Union. I listened to the program of the moneys which they would receive and which they would be voting in that Legislature. They were receiving more money from automobile licenses and gasoline taxes than the whole of the revenue which the Province of Alberta receives altogether. I listened to the story of what they proposed to do. Over 200 bills were to be introduced. And I thought to myself: *"Shades of dead politicians: What would the newspapers of the Province have to say if we introduced 200 bills?"* For notwithstanding the formidable appearance of your program, I am hoping that we will not have to introduce 200 or even 100 bills in the coming session.

I have a vision of what this Province has in store—that we will be developing our acres not now broken, raising as many more bushels of wheat in 20 years from now, as today compared with twenty years ago; that we will continue the progress of our agricultural wealth, the development of our industries, our increase in population, and advance towards more complex economic and social life. What will be the stamp that we will be placing on this Province in another 20 years?

Test of Advancement

The most discouraging thing that comes to a Legislature today is getting the people to understand the problems of the day. Some things of a trivial nature seem to sweep over the Province like wild fire, but the vital things are the things that it is so difficult to get the people to understand. After all, the intelligence and the knowledge of the people in the things that affect Governments are the test of the advancement and the progress of a people. And so, I welcome the gathering together of men and women from all over the Province, because whatever you do, whatever the importance of the resolutions you pass, all that shades into insignificance compared with this fact: that we have here today a body of men and women who are quietly trying to make a study of those things that affect their economic and social life, and are thus more able to take their stand in favor of better government, better laws, better manners and better politics.

To both organizations, U.F.W.A. and U.F.A., I extend a hearty welcome at the beginning of your Convention. I bring the greetings and I express the wish that this Convention may prove to be not only one of the most successful, but a period of real consecration in your determination to do what you can to better the social, moral, and political life of your own Province.

Twenty-first Annual Convention of the U.F.A. Marks Turning Point in History of Movement

Affords Abundant Evidence that Alberta Farmers are Again Rallying Their Forces for New Advances — Balanced Enthusiasm Gives Promise of Year of Expansion

The Twenty-first Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, at the close of the twentieth year of the existence of the Association, will be remembered as the Convention which marked a turning point in the history of the organized farmers' movement in this Province.

It was more vital than any other which has been held in recent years. It combined enthusiasm with balanced judgment in a greater degree than any other. It afforded abundant evidence that the farmers of Alberta, after a period of comparative rest from their labors in launching through the Association co-operative enterprises, of which one already has brought the Province international fame, are again rallying their forces for new advances. It made plain to all who were privileged to attend its sessions as observers or participants in the proceedings, that whatever may happen elsewhere, democracy in Alberta is not only not bankrupt, but is moving forward in calm self-reliance to the creation of new forms of social organization—towards the elimination of anarchy in industry and the attainment by a slow process through the years, of a Co-operative Commonwealth. That goal will not be reached at one step or two or three, but the faces of Alberta farmers at least are turned towards it in hope and confidence.

The Convention was attended by 515 registered delegates, a substantial increase as compared with the previous year, and as figures published elsewhere indicate, this reflected an increase in the membership of the Association—an increase not as yet very great, but an earnest of the expansion on a larger scale which, judging by reports received from many parts of the Province, may with reasonable confidence be expected during the coming months.

Four Major Subjects

The four major debates of the Convention took place on the resolution demanding the removal of the present Grain Commissioners, and asking the re-constitution of the Canada Grain Commission; the resolution calling on the Alberta Government to take certain and determined action to develop the power resources of the Province as a public utility; the resolution endorsing the proposed new School Act; and the resolution re-affirming the tariff principles and policy of the Association.

The decision of the Convention on the power question was unanimous. There was also complete unanimity upon the tariff resolution, which established as the immediate policy of the Association tariff reduction, with international free trade as the ultimate aim, and showed that the organized farmers of Alberta will entertain no delusions as to the supposed advantages which might accrue to any branch of their industry by tinkering with protection. In the final vote on the resolution dealing with the Grain Commission there was only one dissenting vote and that, it was made clear, was given largely on personal grounds. There was a closer division on the question of the reorganization of the rural school system, but here also, the delegates, by a very substantial majority, showed their approval of the new plan.

In this issue the discussions on a number of the main issues before the Convention are given at length. Others will be described in later numbers, in which account will be given of the routine proceedings, and the action taken by the Convention upon every resolution brought before it.

The Convention was called to order by President Wood at 10 a.m. on January 15th, in the First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton. After invocation by Rev. Dr. McQueen, His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Egbert delivered a cordial opening address of welcome, and, referring to the disappointing experience of the farmers in the past season, due to the early frosts, he expressed the opinion that this had demonstrated the danger of carrying on farming upon one line only.

Premier Brownlee, whose address is published on the opposite page, and Mayor Bury of Edmonton, also greeted the Convention, the Mayor extending a warm welcome to the delegates, and remarking that an organization which had lived for twenty years and was as robust as the U.F.A. of today, had attained to a permanent position in the life of the community. Speaking from the standpoint of a city man, Mayor Bury added: "To be perfectly honest, the prosperity of Edmonton depends much more on agriculture than the agricultural district depends on Edmonton. Unless you were creating new wealth, we should have mighty little to distribute."

Convention Chairmen

Upon nominations for the chairmanship being called for by President Wood, A. K. Brown, M. Critchlow, Robert Gardiner, M.P., and E. J. Garland, M.P., were named as the four chairmen of the week, Mr. Gardiner being elected as presiding chairman on motion from the floor. Mr. Gardiner then took the chair and was greeted with hearty applause. He assured the Convention that as in former years he would again, to the best of his ability, supervise proceedings impartially, to the end that the Convention might be successful.

Committees Elected

Convention committees were elected as follows, in accordance with the recommendation of the Central Board:

Credentials—J. C. Buckley, M. Critchlow, F. Fowler.

Resolutions Committee—G. Swain, I. V. Macklin, H. B. MacLeod.

Order of Business—A. F. Aitken, J. K.

WHAT THE CONVENTION DID

Re-elected H. W. Wood for fourteenth term.

Called for removal of present Grain Commissioners and reconstitution of Canada Grain Commission.

Urged Alberta Government to take "certain and determined action" to develop power resources under public ownership.

Endorsed the proposed new School Act by substantial majority.

Asked Dominion Government to provide free medical attention and hospital treatment to veterans of the Great War.

Recommended adoption by Provincial Government of Old Age Pensions legislation.

Declared in favor of international free trade, and of general policy of tariff reduction in the interim.

Called for investigation by Federal and Provincial Governments into advisability of state life insurance.

Asked Executive and Co-operative Pools concerned to investigate possibility of establishing (a) a co-operative flour mill; (b) co-operative packing plant.

Endorsed plan for re-organization of Canadian Council of Agriculture.

Passed important resolution on Credit Reform.

Asked for immediate action to provide facilities for intermediate credits for agriculture.

Dealt with a total of 77 resolutions upon subjects of local, national and international importance.

RE-ELECTED

H. E. G. H. SCHOLEFIELD
Re-elected Vice-President by acclamation.

Province-wide Membership Campaign Planned by Central Board

Authorization Forms Will Be Ready in Few Days for All Who Wish to Pay Dues in This Way—Federal and Provincial Members Invited to Assist in Drive

Acting on instructions given by the Annual Convention of the U.F.A., in Edmonton in January, the Board and Executive of the Association are planning a membership campaign to be carried on throughout the Province.

In accordance with these plans, assignment forms on the Pools have been prepared, and will be available within a few days for all who wish to pay their dues to the U.F.A., or any branch of the Association, in this manner. So far as each individual is concerned, of course, the plan is purely voluntary.

Supplies of the assignment forms will be mailed to every Local secretary and to the secretaries of every Constituency and District Association during the coming week. Secretaries are requested, as soon as these are received, to canvass their members and to have the forms signed and returned to the U.F.A. Central Office without delay.

The assignment forms are in blank, and each person who pays dues to the Association in this manner will be asked to fill in the name of the particular Pool through which the dues are to be paid.

Members of the various Pools who reside in localities where there is no organized U.F.A. Local, and wish to join the Association, may obtain assignment forms by getting in touch with the constituency Director, or by writing the U.F.A. Central Office.

On motion of Messrs. Sutherland and Pye, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Central Board:

"That we invite the Federal and Provincial members to take part in all organization work, and assist in the coming drive."

Sutherland, J. A. Johansen.

Entertainment—D. MacLachlan.

Resolutions—G. H. Biggs, H. Hansen, J. K. Brown.

President's Annual Address

President H. W. Wood then delivered his Annual Address, which was received with prolonged applause, and adopted unanimously. This was followed by the Annual Address of Mrs. R. B. Gunn, President of the U.F.W.A., which was also adopted amid enthusiasm. The presentation of the address of the Junior President, Charles Mills, which was also applauded, brought to a close the proceedings of the opening morning.

At the opening of the afternoon session, Mr. Scholefield read a letter of greetings from the Red Cross Society; a telegram from the Alberta Federation of Labor, then in Convention at Lethbridge, conveying fraternal greetings and wishing the U.F.A. gathering success; and a letter from the United Farmers of Manitoba expressing regret that it was impossible to send a delegate, and extending good wishes from that organization.

Financial Statements

The financial statements of the United Farmers of Alberta showed that the association incurred a deficit of $1,889.15 during the year ending November 30th, 1928. Receipts from dues for all branches of the association totalled $19,776.40. Of this amount $14,367.40 were for dues from U.F.A. Locals; $4,701.50 came from U.F.W.A. Locals; $408.50 came from Juniors, and the balance from members at large and life memberships. Dues for 1927, to the amount of $1,415.00, were paid in 1928. The U.G.G. grant for the year was $4,000. Items of expenditure include $310.23 for president's expenses, (the president having refused any salary); Board meetings $2,013.65; Executive meetings $912.00; vice-president's expenses $1,260.20; U.F.W.A. president's expenses $203.08. Organization expenses for the year totalled $5,947.65; Central Office expenses amounted to $2,090.94; and for salaries the amount of $4,912.91 was expended. Total expenditures were $20,918.11.

"The U.F.A." financial statement shows a surplus of $279.27 on the year's operations.

The financial statements were adopted after brief discussion.

The Annual Report of the Central Board, read by Mr. Scholefield, was briefly discussed, a number of questions being asked and answered, and the report adopted.

Privileges of Convention

A rather lengthy debate took place on a resolution from Bow River U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association, which proposed that the Constitution should be amended to provide for the appointment of one delegate from each Federal constituency association to the Annual Convention. An amendment providing that the same privilege be extended to Provincial constituency and district associations was moved, but after debate both amendment and the original resolution were lost. A resolution giving the privileges of the floor to Federal and Provincial elected representatives was adopted, an amendment by H. McKenzie which would have extended a similar privilege to "executive heads of Federal constituency associations" being lost.

(Continued in next issue)

Correspondence

CHEMICAL WEED KILLING

Editor, *The U.F.A.*

We all know how difficult it is to destroy Canadian and Sow thistles and as the experiments with chemical weed killer have proven highly effective, I think it high time for us farmers to attend our annual rate-payers' meetings which are to be held shortly, and try to devise a plan by which each municipal council can purchase the chemicals in carload quantities and distribute them to us at the minimum cost.

If each farmer will make an estimate of the probable acreage which should be sprayed on his 1929 summer fallow fields, to cover the thistle patches, and submit that estimate to his council, it will enable them to estimate the total quantity which will be required for all of us to make a start this year to clean up our fields.

As most of the chemicals must be imported from Europe, it is very essential that immediate action be taken.

Yours truly,

W. D. TREGO.

Calgary, Alberta.

U.F.A. Membership

Membership in all branches of the U.F.A., for 1928, as shown by the books of Central Office at January 31, totals 12,374, an increase of 541 over the 1927 membership at the corresponding date last year. Delegates to the 1928 Convention totalled 487 and to the 1929 Convention 515.

Dr. J. P. Warbasse, President of the Co-operative League of America, will deliver a number of addresses in Alberta this month. Particulars will be given in our next issue.

Central Board Committees for 1929

Transportation—H. E. G. H. Scholefield, J. K. Brown, H. G. Young, W. R. McGowan.

Banking and Credit—A. F. Aitken, J. K. Sutherland, J. A. Johansen.

Education—J. V. Machin, Mrs. A. M. Ware, J. Fowler.

Grain Inquiry—G. Harris, C. Mills.

Senior Committee on Young People's Work—H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Jos. Ware, Mrs. F. C. Replogle.

Electric Power—H. B. MacLeod, Mrs. Wyness, H. Critchlow.

Immigration—Mrs. Price, D. MacLachlan.

Co-operative—H. E. G. H. Scholefield, A. F. Aitken, J. A. Johansen.

A Delegate's Survey of the Annual Convention

By NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY, Coaldale U.F.A. Local

We have pleasure in presenting to our readers this very fine review of the Convention, written from a delegate's viewpoint, by Mr. Priestley, at our request. Mr. Priestley has most ably represented Coaldale U. F. A. Local for several years in the debates on the floor of the Convention.—*Editor.*

To those who have watched the growth and progress of the United Farmers of Alberta in the past twenty years each succeeding Annual Convention comes with added significance and provides a fascinating spectacle. That at Edmonton from January 15th to 19th was no exception to the rule.

Whatever truth there may be in the ill-considered words of James Robinson of the Canada Grain Commission, who was given the platform to reply to charges made against that body, when he said that a dozen men could arrive more quickly at a decision and therefore be more efficient than the several hundred who composed the Convention, one thing is certain, he missed entirely the real significance of the gathering. It is one thing for a dozen men to arrive at certain conclusions with respect to a given question and attempt to implement their findings; and it is another to have those conclusions reached, though perhaps more slowly, by a body of several hundred men who represent the opinions, convictions and principles of an association of over 12,000 members covering a large area like that of the Province of Alberta.

The People in Action

To the mind of the writer of this review, the process of the debate is often of greater importance than the ultimate findings. Here is a body the individuals composing which represent some ten to twenty others of like thought, engaged in the same work. Behind these are wives and children, mothers and sisters, sons and brothers, and large numbers of neighbors, who accept their leadership though neglecting to join the association. This body decided ten short years ago to enter politics. Since then it has elected and maintained in power for eight years a Provincial Government. It has, through its spokesmen at Ottawa, made no slight contribution to the work of framing laws for this Dominion of Canada. It created five years ago, and tided last year through the critical second contract "sign-up" the first of the three great prairie Wheat Pools, now combined into the greatest marketing institution in the world. This body has set itself, with a large measure of success, the task of bringing order out of chaos in the marketing of many other commodities than wheat. It has sent its leaders and emissaries to many parts of the world. Its discussions are awaited with interest by similar bodies in many countries. Its enemies, not few nor insignificant, watch its every move. Surely the speech of its most obscure delegate and the reactions of the whole body thereto are of far reaching consequence, much more so than the decisions of any cabal or oligarchy; or, *for that matter those of any small group, however well-intentioned, distinguished or brilliant.* It is the people in action.

The Convention of this year was not essentially different from those of recent years. True, a new group of debaters emerged. Some of these, accustomed no doubt to the leisurely discussions of Local U.F.A. groups, were a little circuitous in their argument; and provoked some impatience and derisive comment; but the Convention was, on the whole, tolerant and good-humored. We missed, through sickness, the stentorian voice and incisive logic of C. C. Reed, of Athabasca; whose tall patriarchal figure has dominated the floor seats in previous years. His absence robbed the Convention of some color. Among the old guard were to be seen and heard, occupying their usual places in the centre front, Carl Axelson, of Bingville, and John Egger, of Sullivan Lake; while Col. Robinson, of Munson, and Hector McKenzie, of Camrose, were the left and right wings of debate under the galleries. It was noticeable that many ladies were present at all sessions, despite the sittings of the U.F.W.A. close by, two or three making worth while contributions on several important topics.

"The Previous Question"

Under the chairman, Robert Gardiner, M.P., and his three assistants, E. J. Garland, M.P., A. R. Brown and H. Critchlow, business was dispatched with notable rapidity. An attempt was made on the second day to limit the length of speeches in debate. A well reasoned protest by Carl Axelson, backed by Director J. K. Sutherland prevented the passing of that undesirable rule. The use of the closure by the moving of "the previous question" operated with guillotine-like sharpness on many a keen discussion, perhaps not always to advantage. It is obvious that there is nothing gained by forcing a decision from the Convention when the fullest information available has not yet been laid before it. A suitable instance is that of a motion to make optional the study of languages in the course for a bachelor of arts degree in high schools and in the university. The mover of this resolution presented a well-prepared written argument of some length, to which only two short and presumably extemporaneous speeches were made in reply. The previous question was moved and passed and the original mover given the opportunity for the presentation of additional argument. The result was that on a question which has vexed the mind of educationalists the world over for many years a decision was made that might have been reversed had any adequate outline of the other side been possible. There were other cases, some of which left behind a little bitterness and a sense of unfairness which might be avoided. One of the officers of the Convention afterwards expressed the opinion that a greater degree of fairness might be secured by a change in the procedure, cutting off debate on sub-amendment and amendment in turn by moving that "the question be now put," before applying the closure to all discussion of the main motion.

The High Tide

Possibly the Convention reached its high tide in the debate on the operations of the grain commission, the proposal that the Province acquire ownership and control of electric light and power, and the proposed reconstruction of our system of rural education.

In the first case the Convention really enjoyed itself. E. J. Garland, M.P., voicing the demand for the removal of the Commissioners, expressed the opinions and feelings of the delegates in such a telling way that the Convention roared and clapped its approval repeatedly. The presence of James Robinson, a member of the Commission, greatly enhanced the situation. He personalized the object of attack. His replies to Mr. Garland and answers to questions raised by delegates failed to carry conviction; but the Convention accorded him a well deserved round of applause at the conclusion of the debate for the manner and spirit of his replies. That an amendment calling for the re-constitution of the Grain Commission with its five members chosen, one from each of the three Provincial Wheat Pools of the prairies, the other two by the unorganized farmers of all Canada, should have been the unforeseen outcome of so able a statement of the case against the Commission as that made by Mr. Garland, who contemplated no such plan, and that it should pass the Convention, is indeed remarkable. The delegates are to be congratulated that, after a night's sleep and free discussion by many small groups what the President described as "that unthinkable amendment" should be reconsidered and defeated and the original motion and first amendment passed. How could an association which has "Equity" as its motto ask the Government to set up in place of a Commission intended to be independent, one which of necessity would be prejudiced in its own favor?

Public Ownership

That the farm folk of Alberta are firm believers in the public ownership of at

(Continued on page 30)

VICE-PRESIDENT SINCE 1934

Mrs. J. W. Field, who retired from the U.F.W.A. Board this year, after ten years' service.

"Certain and Determined Action" in Development of Provincially Owned Power Scheme Urged by Convention

Delegates Unanimous in Support of Public Ownership — Speedy Action Sought — Provincial Treasurer States Government Moving in Direction Indicated by Resolution

By unanimous vote, and with an earnestness and enthusiasm unparalleled on any other occasion during Convention week—unless it were when the delegates called for the reorganization of the Board of Grain Commissioners—the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. on January 18th urged the Provincial Government "to take certain and determined action" towards the development of electrical power in Alberta, and asked all branches of the Association throughout the Province "to stand firmly" behind the establishment of electrical enterprise as a public utility.

Vital and Keen

The debate was vital and keen and the debaters showed a wide knowledge of their subject. There was left no question, no doubt, as to where the Convention stood. Fifteen minutes before the usual time for the noon adjournment the subject came before the delegates and they remained to a man—and woman—until more than half an hour later, the vote was taken. They were determined that, for the good of Alberta as a whole, there shall be no danger of repetition in this Province at any time in the future of the history of communities in which power trust influence has come to dominate the press, the schools, and public life. They made it clear that in embarking upon a power undertaking the Government could depend upon support in the rural districts so complete and so resolute that the influence which the power companies can bring to bear in the cities and in many towns will be completely offset by the counter-offensive of agricultural Alberta. And they made it plain that no daily newspaper which constitutes itself the mouthpiece of a power interest will be able greatly to affect the final issue. They showed also that, far less than in the prospects even of rural service in the immediate future (and the experience of other communities is that public ownership means rural development, and unchallenged private ownership means rural retardation), they were concerned to avert the public evils which the alienation of natural monopolies to private interests brings.

The resolution first submitted to the Convention, on recommendation of the resolutions committee, originated in the East Calgary U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association, and urged "the development of the electrical power resources of Alberta as rapidly as practicable under Provincial ownership and control as to both generation of power and its distribution." The wording of this resolution, however, was not strong enough for the delegates, and on motion from the floor the Camrose Constituency resolution calling for "certain and determined action," was substituted. It was not noticed that this resolution referred only to "hydro-electric" power, while the East Calgary resolution did not differentiate between water power and any other method of generating electrical energy — say by steam. Nobody who followed the debate could fail to note that the Convention's emphasis was not on the method of generating power, but on public ownership, by whatever method super-power may be generated.

Johnson Moves Calgary Resolution

Guy W. Johnson, of the Calgary Local, initiated the discussion in a brief but pointed and effective speech in which he moved the resolution which originated in his Local. "The fact that we are all aware of," he said, "is that our power resources are being gathered up by private interests, and I think there is a general feeling throughout the Province that it is high time that we go on record as being in favor of public ownership of these resources."

Jos. Porter of Conrich, seconded, declaring that as the natural resources are the heritage of the people, they should be administered by and for the people under public ownership and control.

Moving Along Lines Indicated

Hon. R. G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer, said that while an investigation had been made some years ago into the relative merits of hydro and steam, and while it was then established that hydro was the most economical, there was some question of this today. He reminded the delegates that at the last session of the Legislature it was provided that no power franchise granted by a municipality in Alberta could be exclusive of the rights of the Province, and said that the Government had been looking round for a good man to make a concrete and intensive study of the whole power question, and report upon it. That man might be found in the near future. "I just want to say these things to indicate that the Government is moving along the lines indicated by the resolution," he added, "also to indicate to you that the Government may not be moving as fast as you would wish."

Mr. Reid felt there was a possibility of the farmers thinking that they could all get electricity into their homes at a low rate, but expressed the opinion that they would get it at only a fraction less than the companies were getting, unless there were a subsidy by the Government. He did not think it right that the Government should pay a subsidy to help the best-off farmers. Mr. Reid expressed himself, when asked by Col. Robinson, as "in favor of public ownership and operation of the hydro development of any country."

Answering Mr. Axelson, the Minister said the Alberta Government made application to the Dominion Government for the license for the Ghost River site, so that they could in turn develop it as they saw fit, and the Dominion Government refused the license.

At Parting of Ways

"We in the past have fought for principles and we are at the parting of the ways today," declared Col. Robinson. "I am going to speak plainly. In this Province there are certain companies going out pre-empting our customers. They are taking franchises in the various towns and villages, with a view to obtaining control. We are contenting ourselves with talking principles, but the other fellow is doing business."

At this point, Mr. Aitken pointed out that a committee of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Board had been looking into this question for several months, that their reports had been adopted by the Central Board, and were available to the Convention. Two reports were then read, one by Mr. Hanson, who explained that he was doing so in behalf of Mrs. Wyman, the other by Mr. MacLeod. Mrs. Wyman's report dealt with development in Alberta and Mr. MacLeod's with the power situation elsewhere. His report is published in this issue, the other being unavoidably held over from this number. The U.F.A. Board's strong recommendation of public ownership was loudly cheered and a vote of appreciation and commendation was carried.

Irvine Presents Views

Pointing out the serious danger which arises from the efforts of the power companies to capture undertakings in the larger cities, William Irvine, M.P., supported the resolution.

"We have had this question so well discussed and so well argued in our own paper for the past year that we may pass the resolution with very little discussion," he said," but someone asked the Minister a question which, while answered in the way I am sure we would all like him to answer, would leave the way open for any Government—even a U.F.A. Government—to slip away.

"We not only want belief in public ownership. We want action. Supposing someone says, 'Oh, yes, I believe in the principles of the U.F.A., but I don't belong to it'; or 'Oh, yes, I believe in co-operation, but I don't belong to the Wheat Pool.' I am not blaming the Government, or even criticising them. I am blaming ourselves.

"One thing that puzzled me was a statement of our Minister—I am not criticising it—that the cost of power to the people of this Province would not be more than a fraction cheaper under Government ownership than it is at the present time. Then he said that the Government were looking for a man who would size up the situation. Now, how can they arrive at such accuracy of comparison before they had found a man who could size up the situation? The reason I am mentioning this here is that that would probably go to the press, while no doubt the Minister can make the correction here before he leaves.

"We all say now, if we had been living when the timber limits and the lands were being given away, we would have stopped it. We are living now. All the natural resources haven't gone yet. We still have the water power and the air. *And if we are losing now we are going to see that the water power is not going to be alienated.* There may be some good reasons why the Provincial Government has not already stepped in to take immediate control, but the longer they are

(Continued on page 41)

United Farm Women in Convention Deal With Vital Problems of Home and Community

Annual Convention of U.F.W.A. Reveals Progress Gained—Immensity of Future Tasks—Able Discussions, Efficient Chairmanship—High Idealism and Practical Methods Characterize Movement.

If all the great-grandmothers of all the delegates and officers who carried on the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the United Farm Women of Alberta could have looked on from some fairy gallery, what would their feelings have been? Great would have been their astonishment, no doubt, to see mere women—mere farm women — instead of patiently making the best of whatever life brought them, undertaking in most business-like and serious fashion to shape events and to change conditions.

The women comprising the U.F.W.A. Annual Convention, however, while they must occasionally feel real gratification at the progress that has been made by the organization in the last fifteen years, yet realize the immensity of the field that is open before them, and the imperative need for united and intelligent action. The able discussion by the delegates, the efficient chairmanship, the comprehensive and lucid reports and the business-like work of the various Convention committees showed that.

After the singing of "O Canada," and the invocation, Hon. O. L. McPherson brought the greetings of the Provincial Government. The Convention committees, were then, by resolution of the delegates, appointed by the chair as follows: Order of Business—Mrs. Warr, Mrs. Banner and Mrs. Pickel; Credentials,—Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Buckley and Mrs. MacNaughton; Resolutions—Mrs. Price, Mrs. Hepburn and Mrs. Schofield; Reception—Mrs. Kiser, Mrs. Christie and Mrs. Etheridge.

Convention Reports

In her annual report the President, Mrs. Gunn, dealt at some length with the possibilities for lightening the labors of farm women, and of improving farm homes, by the use of electric power. She described the work done in this connection, in conjunction with a committee of the U.F.A. Central Board, and with the University of Alberta, the Calgary Power Company, and the Scientific Trial Research Council, in making a survey of the Province with a view to making electrification of farm homes possible and practicable. She stressed the vital necessity of doing away with the drudgery of farm homes, and suggested the institution of a department of home economics in the organization. Mrs. Gunn recommended, as a subject for study by U.F.W.A. Locals, Bernard Shaw's book, "The Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism and Capitalism." The members, she urged, should work constantly for international peace. She referred to the efforts and accomplishments of the past ten years, and to the growing self-respect and responsibility of the farmers and farm women.

The report of the Executive was made by Mrs. Wyman, who said that the year had been busier and more interesting than any of those immediately preceding. U.F.W.A. district Conventions had been successfully inaugurated in March, a membership drive had been arranged, and the U.F.W.A. Cook Book had been printed. Mrs. Wyman explained the electrical survey and described how electrical equipment had been placed in two typical farm homes on trial.

The reports of Directors were the next order of business. All the Directors were present except Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Galway; Mrs. Carlson's report was read by Miss Bateman. Many of the reports told of long journeys by car and by team, in organizing and reorganizing Locals and in visiting active Locals.

The annual report of Miss Bateman, the Secretary, reported an increase in membership of 531 over the previous year, and the organization of 21 new Locals, making a total of 225. She described the community work that had been done by some of these Locals, and suggested that others would find in various community efforts a means of interesting members, benefitting the district, and strengthening the organization.

The report on Young People's Work was presented by the convener, Mrs. Warr, who declared that in going about the country she had found a most marked difference between districts where there were active Junior Locals and others where there were none. She emphasized the part young people could play in the abolition of war, if the ideals of peace were incubated into their minds. She suggested that the Junior U.F.A. should secure information regarding youth movements in other parts of the world and co-operate with them in the formation of a world federation of youth which would work for peace through mutual understanding. Then, continued Mrs. Warr, would our Junior U.F.A. become a mighty, irresistible force standing for the U.F.A. ideal of "co-operation" by which nations might work for the advancement of humanity in peace.

Following the report, Charles Mills, Junior President, spoke briefly.

Mrs. Field Reports on Health Problems

Through proper health agencies 1,700 lives could be saved each year in Alberta, said Mrs. Field in giving her report as convener of health. Medical inspection of schools, supervision of rural sanitation, water supply, etc., child hygiene, maternal hygiene and a survey of tuberculosis should be activities conducted by municipal health centres; the personnel for such a health district would include an especially qualified physician, one or two public health nurses with special training, one sanitary inspector, one laboratory assistant and one dentist. Mrs. Field referred also to the fact that provision was being made this year in the Provincial Government's estimates for the establishment of a psychopathic hospital.

Dr. Bow, Deputy Minister of Health, gave some further explanation of the possibilities of municipal health units. Such organizations had been established in Quebec and in British Columbia. Dr. Bow answered a number of questions on the subject by delegates.

The Handicraft Guild and the Alberta Women's Bureau were the subject of a short address by Miss Jessie MacMillan, director of the Bureau.

Free Medical Inspection

The provision of psychopathic hospitals for the early treatment of mental disorder was urged in a resolution carried by the Convention. Another resolution asked the Provincial Government "to devise some means of compulsory free medical inspection for all children attending school in the Province, and also for those of pre-school age."

With reference to the latter clause of the resolution, Mrs. Field reminded the delegates that the baby clinic (for pre-school age children) was to be had for the asking, and urged that Locals should send in their applications early.

At a later session, following an address by Dr. Thompson, of the Canadian Social Hygiene Council, the Convention carried a resolution "urging most strongly upon our rural municipalities the necessity of establishing Full Time Rural Health Units as soon as possible throughout the Province." Another resolution requested the Federal Government "to provide a grant to the Provinces of Canada sufficient to cover permanently the one-quarter share of the cost of such Rural Health Units."

Mrs. Wyman on Legislation

The importance of both husbands and wives making wills was urged by Mrs. Wyman, in her comprehensive report on legislation. She gave also a detailed report of the advisory committee on property rights of married women, together with their findings. In asking the Government to recognize in a legal way the fact that women's work in the home was important and valuable, Mrs. Wyman remarked that they were asking the Government to do something they did not always do themselves. She deplored the fact that women were too apt to undervalue their own work in the home. Mrs. Wyman summarized briefly the legislation of especial interest to women which had been passed by the 1928 session of the Alberta Legislature.

A short address by Attorney-General Lymburn followed Mrs. Wyman's report. Several delegates contributed to the discussion, and Mr. Lymburn answered several questions from the floor of the convention.

Progress of Co-operative Marketing

The progress of co-operative marketing during the past year was reviewed in an able report by Mrs. D. J. Christie, who reported a considerable increase in the quality of poultry handled through the Egg and Poultry Pool in 1928 as compared with 1927. She gave a summary of the developments of the Wheat Pool, Dairy Pool the Wool Growers' Marketing Association and the Southern Alberta Co-operative Association. Her conclusion was that in spite of occasional setbacks, which must be looked for in any enterprise, the future of co-operative marketing in Alberta was assured.

D. M. Malin, Supervisor of Co-operative Activities for the Provincial Government, announced that before the next season the Government Egg and Poultry

Marketing Service would probably be withdrawn, and the Egg and Poultry Pool be in active operation. Mr. Malin, after reviewing the history of the Pool, advocated a close business arrangement with the Dairy Pool, so that the facilities of the latter might be jointly available for the handling of eggs and poultry. If the produce could be handled at local country points, however, instead of being brought in to the three dairy plants, a larger share of the consumer's dollar could be returned to the producer.

Mrs. Guild, of the Tree, Fruit and Vegetable Committee of Direction of B.C., spoke on the problems of the B.C. fruit growers, and the methods they were following in an effort to improve their conditions.

Report on Immigration

The report on Immigration, brought in by Mrs. R. Price, expressed disapproval of state aid for immigrants from non-preferred countries, and of such immigrants being brought in by the railway companies under what are known as "railway agreements." At the conclusion of her report, Mrs. Price brought in a resolution urging that the number of British immigrants should not be exceeded in any year by those from all other countries. This was carried. Another resolution was passed, endorsing the policy of the Minister of Immigration in restricting the inflow of immigrants from non-preferred countries to 30 per cent of the 1928 total.

Social Welfare

As Mrs. Carlson was unable to be present, owing to ill-health, her report on Social Welfare was read by Mrs. Hepburn. Beautification of the farm home and garden, the provision of equipment for recreation, and the budgeting of work to allow some little leisure, were means advocated to retain the young people on the farms and cut in half our social service problems. Co-operation and sympathy between parents and children was of first importance.

Peace and Arbitration

Following the presentation of the report on Peace and Arbitration by Mrs. Kiser, who declared that Christianity was the most powerful and most permanent of the influences at work promoting peace, the Convention endorsed the resolution passed last year, urging Canada to accept the principle of settling all international disputes through the Permanent Court of International Justice or Arbitration. Mrs. Kiser also introduced the following resolution, which was carried:

"Whereas, Canada by the signing of the Kellogg Peace Pact has declared in favor of outlawing war; and

"Whereas all of the great powers are greatly increasing their navies and other war supplies; and

"Whereas, this condition undoubtedly is a warning that fresh wars are to come;

"Therefore be it resolved that we urge the Canadian Government to use its influence in connection with other nations to see that reduction in armaments takes place at once; and

"Furthermore, that a conference of executives of women's organizations be called at an early date to consider practical steps to make effective, so far as Canada is concerned, our disarmament desires."

Rural Education

The three chief problems of rural education in Alberta were enumerated by Mrs. Hepburn, in her report on this subject, as (1) the ensuring of full-time operation of sufficient elementary and secondary schools; (2) fair distribution of the cost; (3) improvement of the quality of training given in the schools. After enlarging on these questions, Mrs. Hepburn dealt with the proposed remedy—the new School Act. Hon. Perren Baker also addressed the Convention on the subject of the proposed changes in administration of rural schools, and answered a number of questions regarding the details of the new scheme. Resolutions were carried by the Convention asking that the fees for examination of High School papers be placed on a lower, nominal basis; asking the various Provincial Departments of Education to co-ordinate their school systems so that teachers could interchange between Provinces without taking further examinations; and requesting the Minister of Education to authorize the annual observance of May 18th as World Goodwill Day in the public and high schools of the Province. A resolution protesting against sick pay for teachers received no support from the delegates, being lost by a unanimous vote.

Beer Parlors and Liquor Permits

Two resolutions on the liquor questions reiterated the stand of the organization on this matter.

The first pledged the U.F.W.A. to

BOARD OF THE UNITED FARM WOMEN OF ALBERTA FOR 1929

Front Row, Left to Right: Mrs. W. D. MacNaughton, Innisfail; Miss F. Bulcock, Secretary, Calgary; Mrs. R. Price, 2nd Vice-President, Stettler; Mrs. A. H. Ware, President, Wainwright; Mrs. F. G. Wyness, 1st Vice-President, Calgary; Mrs. H. P. Hepburn, Elnora; Mrs. C. S. Pridal, Hythe.
Back Row, Left to Right: Mrs. E. H. Etheridge, Fordson; Mrs. M. Baxter, Dowling; Mrs. F. A. Deville, Nanton; Mrs. W. Ross, Milden; Mrs. L. L. Schofield, Crossfield; Mrs. W. Baker, Medicine Hat; Mrs. J. C. Buckley, Gleichen; Mrs. S. J. Bentley, N. Edmonton; Mrs. J. L. Rogers, Lethbridge.

Membership Drive Is Celebrated, U F W A.

U.F.A. Convention Demands Removal of the Present Grain Commissioners

[illegible]

The Free Grain Policy

[illegible]

The Board's Two Purposes

[illegible] the Commission Saskatchewan is asked for a ruling.

[illegible]

Resolution on Reorganization of Canada Grain Board

[illegible]

BE IT RESOLVED

a. **That the Convention demand the removal of the present Grain Commissioners**

b. **That the Convention request Parliament to amend the Canada Grain Act to provide**

1. **A Board of Five Commissioners, one of whom shall reside in Alberta and one in Saskatchewan.**

[illegible] for the purpose of enquiring into [illegible]

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Convention request the Parliament of Canada to amend the Canada Grain Act

1. **By striking out the sections providing a Board of Grain Commissioners and b for the appointment of Commissioners.**

2. **That in lieu of the sections so repealed provision be made for the creation of a board of five Commissioners, one of whom shall reside in Alberta and one in Saskatchewan.**

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Coarse Grains Pool for Alberta

[illegible] Pool Board of [illegible] Decide to Pool Pool in Competition With 1930 Crop

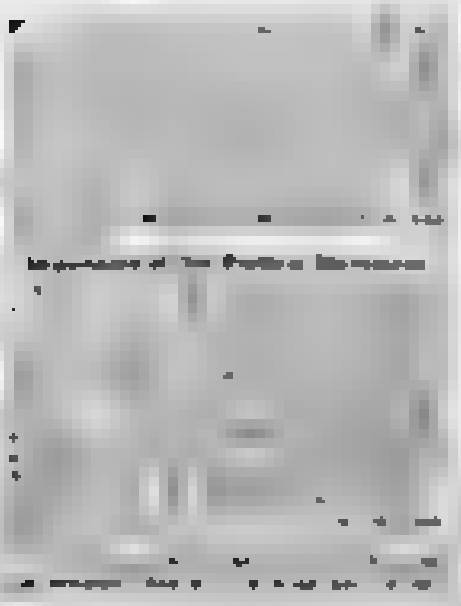
By POOL PU[illegible]

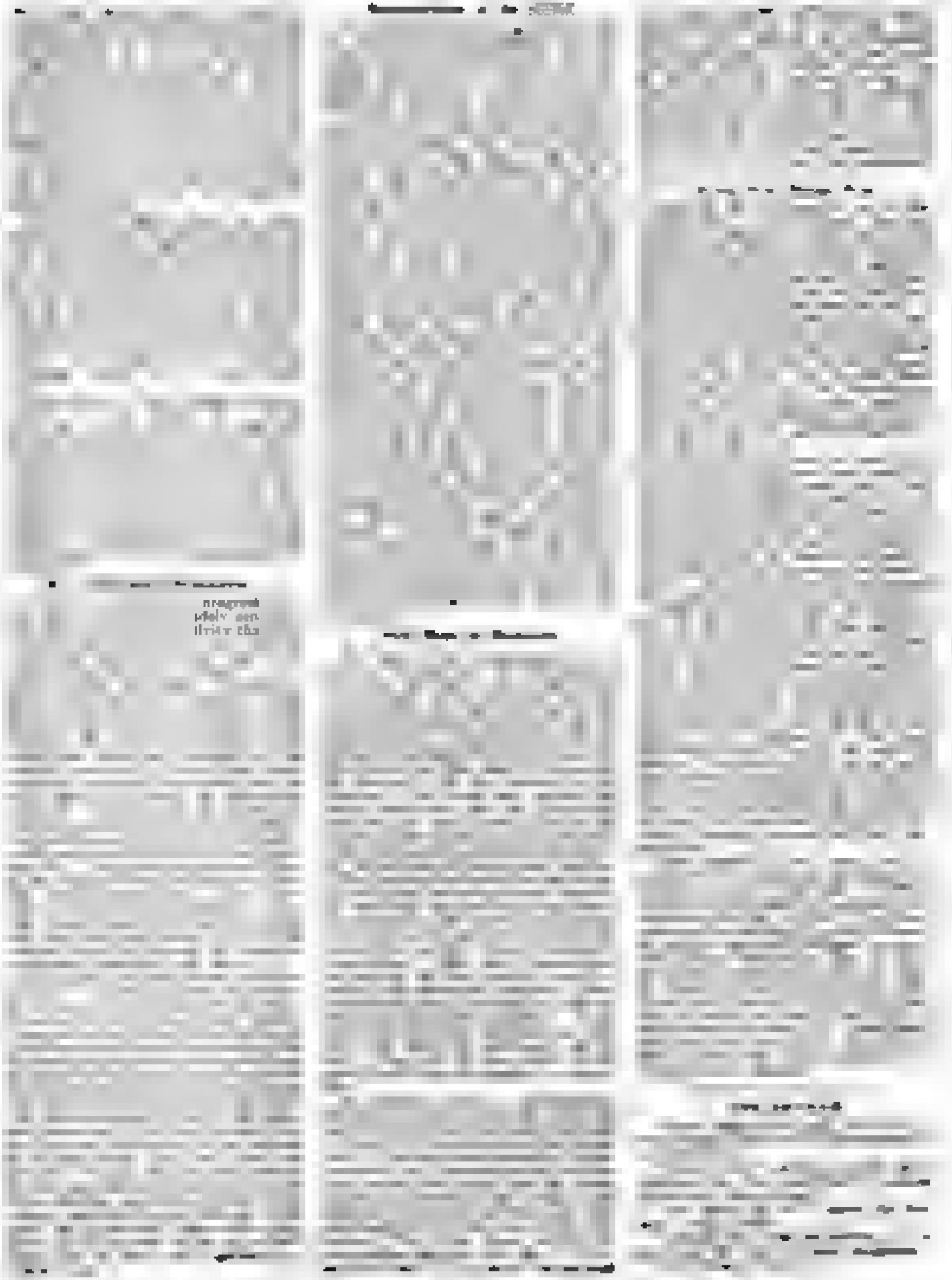
At the delegate meet[illegible]

up on Friday, and the proposal was adopted.

President Urges Concerted Effort by Locals in Solution of Local Problems

President Reid — The Chief





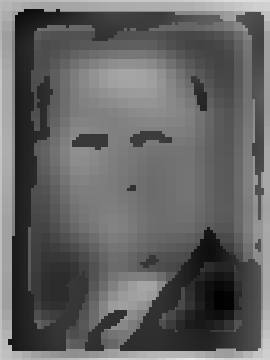
Sturdy, Vigorous Growth of Active Healthy Issues Shown in Report of I. F. W. A. President

U.F.A. Central Board for 1924 Report on Year's Activities

Report on "The U.F.A." Shows Great Increased Interest Taken by Members in Building up Organization Pages

News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Wheat Pool Points the Way to Great Co-operative C[illegible] of the Future



Sup[illegible] recently over the [illegible] Wheat radio by [illegible] Strang, [illegible] for [illegible] investigation

[illegible] of the World [illegible] scope of [illegible] and that is where [illegible] efforts [illegible] the

the best [illegible] with [illegible] pool [illegible]

News & Views

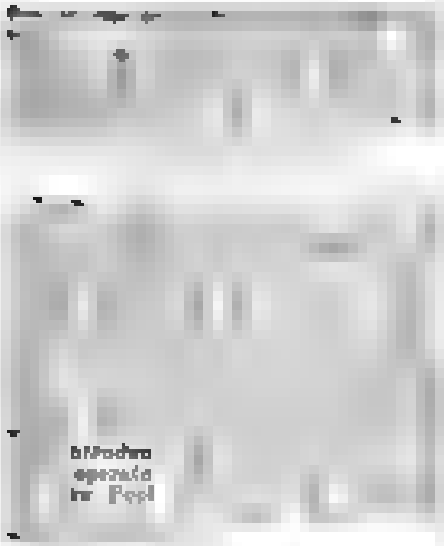
Paul Hamelin Schools

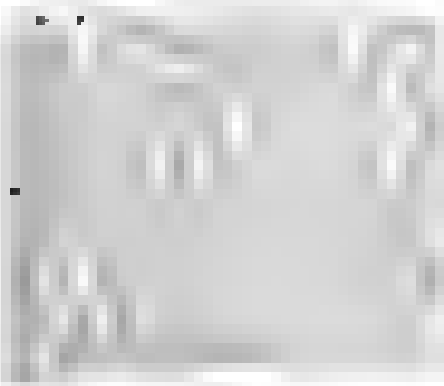
Announcement for Wheat Pool Elevators

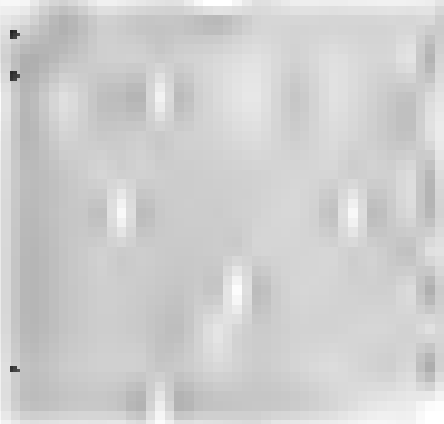
Lloyd
Hiverton
Grenfell, Tolland

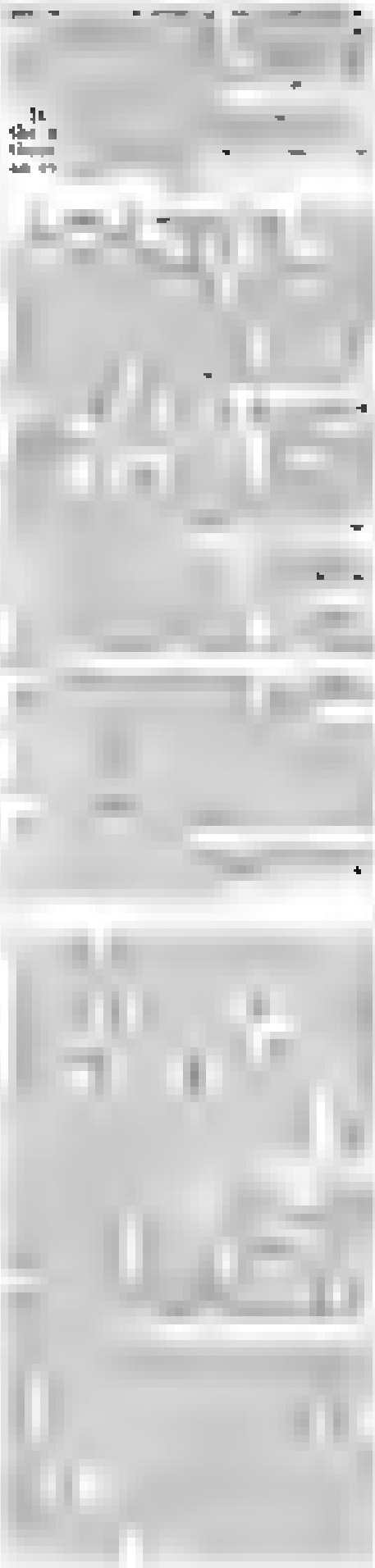
Steering Gear Complaint

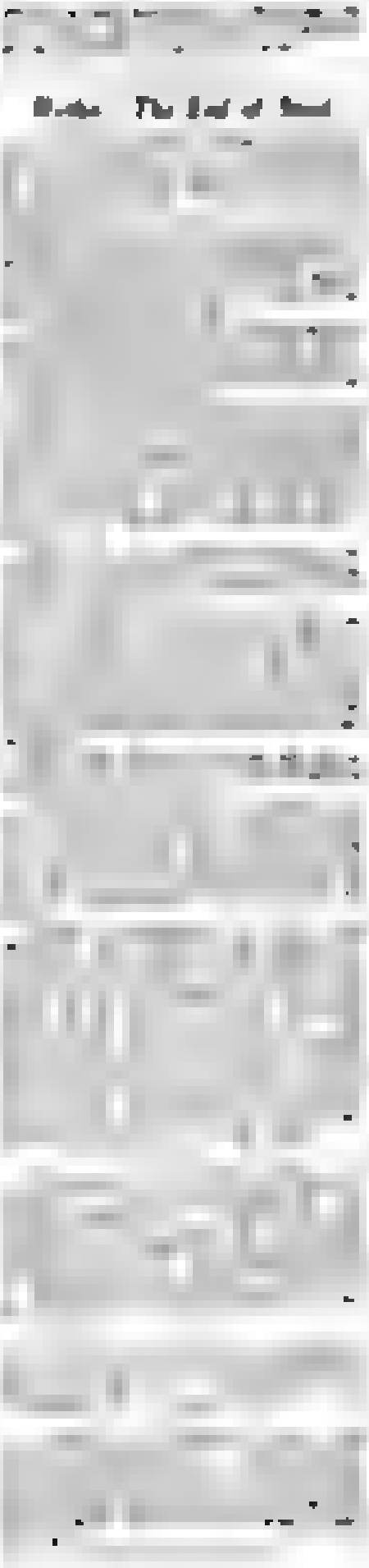
Wheel Pivot Bolt











Convention Authorizes New Plan of Organization of C.C.A.

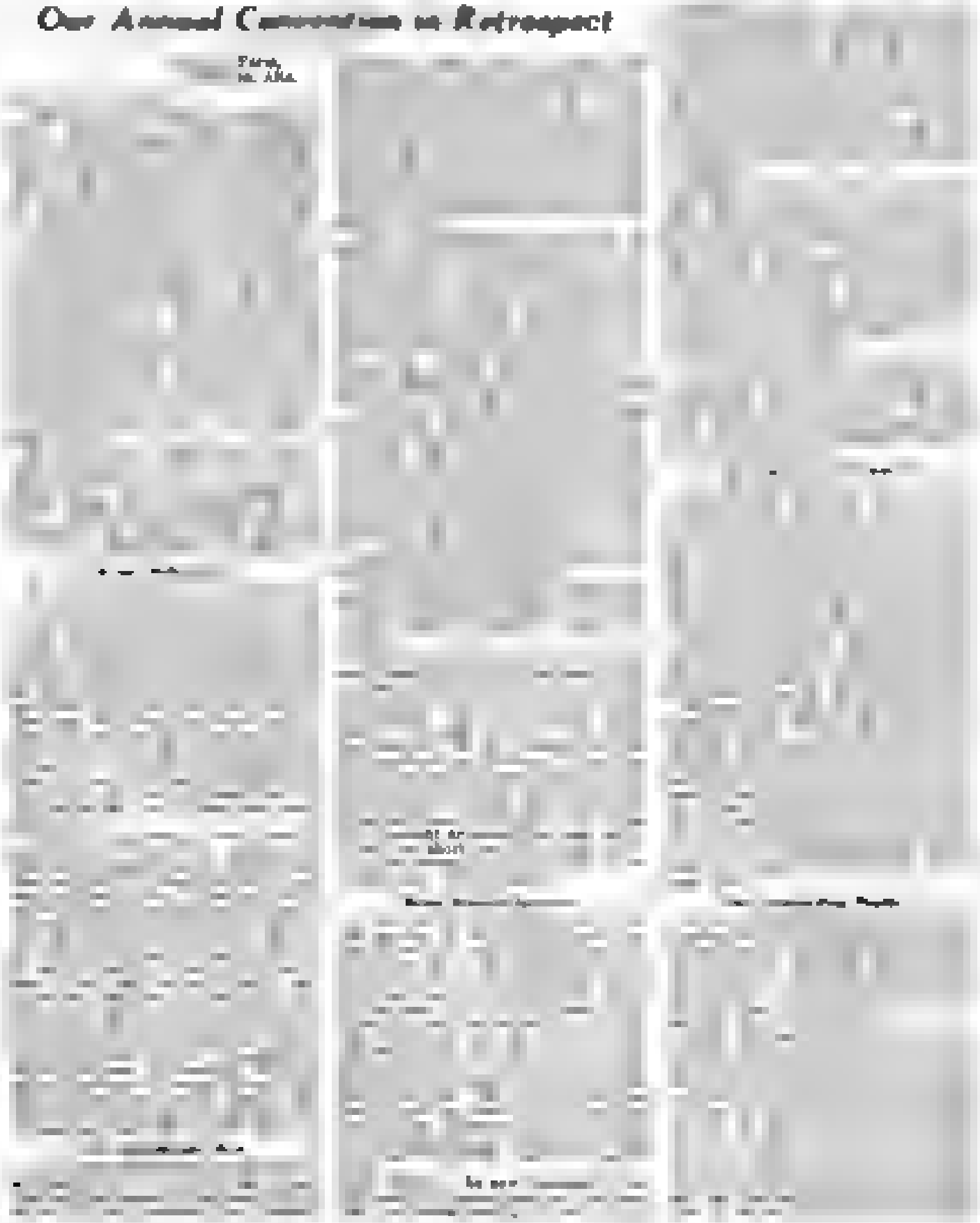
[illegible]

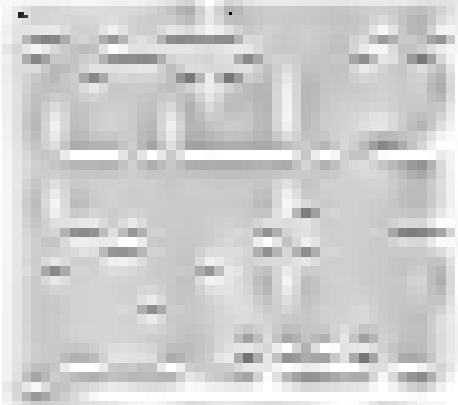
[illegible]

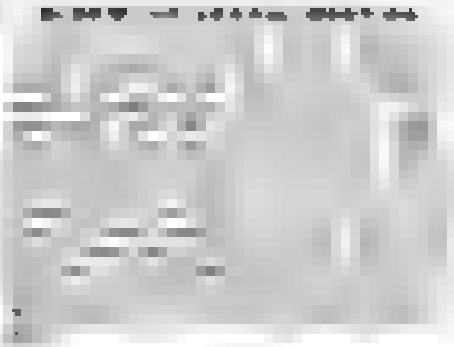
[illegible]

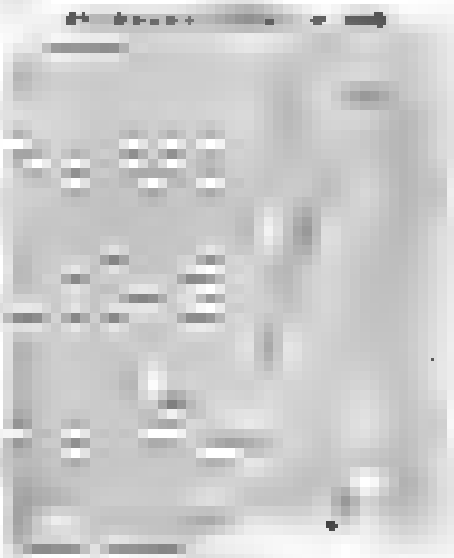
Interests of the United Farm Women

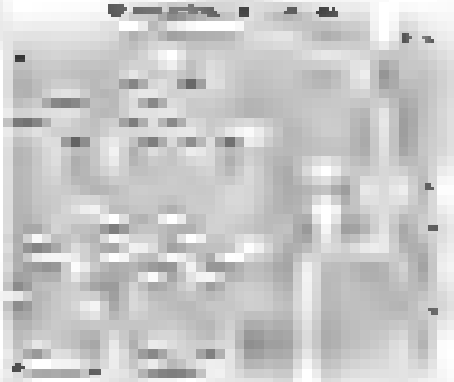
Our Annual Convention in Retrospect











[illegible] for the church [illegible]

SUNDIAL OFFICERS

Mrs [illegible] was re-elected president [illegible] W.A. [illegible] Mrs [illegible] the [illegible] and Mrs. R. A. Rutherford secretary-treasurer.

CORNWALL VALLEY W.M.S.

[illegible] Mrs [illegible] U.F.W.A. [illegible] Mrs. Hogg secretary Mrs. N. [illegible]

Seasonable Recipes

Dominion Pudding and Mission Cake

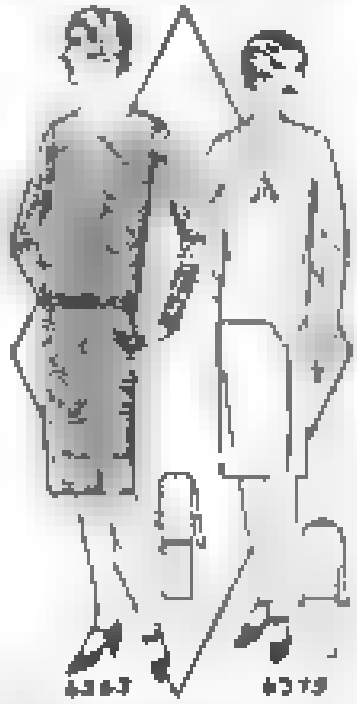
[illegible] Mrs. Elizabeth Ryan, Rosebud, U.F.W.A. Local.

Prune Jelly — [illegible] add a [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Turner, Bonnie Doone, U.F.W.A. Local.

Another Orange Fruit Recipe. Mrs. T. [illegible] Hoffman, Hollow Hollow, U.F.W.A. Local, [illegible] recipe for orange [illegible] rind cut in strips of [illegible] inches in length. [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] demonstration [illegible]

"The U.F.A." Pattern Department

[illegible]



6363 6379

6363. Ladies' Dress

[illegible]

6379. Dress for Junior and Miss

[illegible]

The [illegible] Mr. [illegible] $[illegible] [illegible] $[illegible] [illegible] in 1928.

Marriage and Nationality

[illegible]

POLITICAL PARTIES

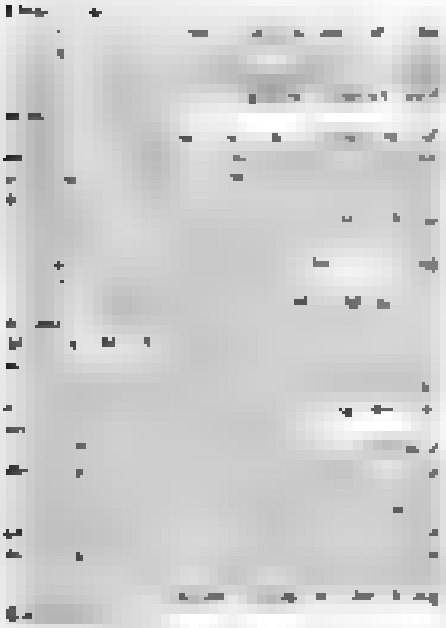
[illegible]

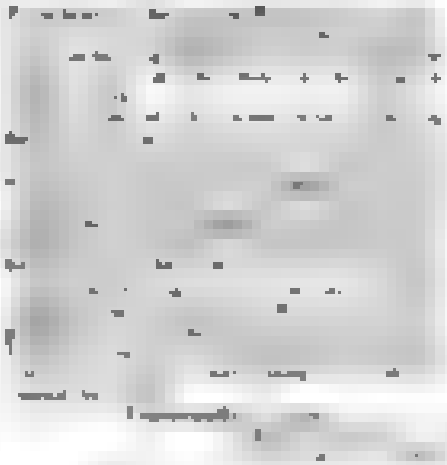
TWO TESTS

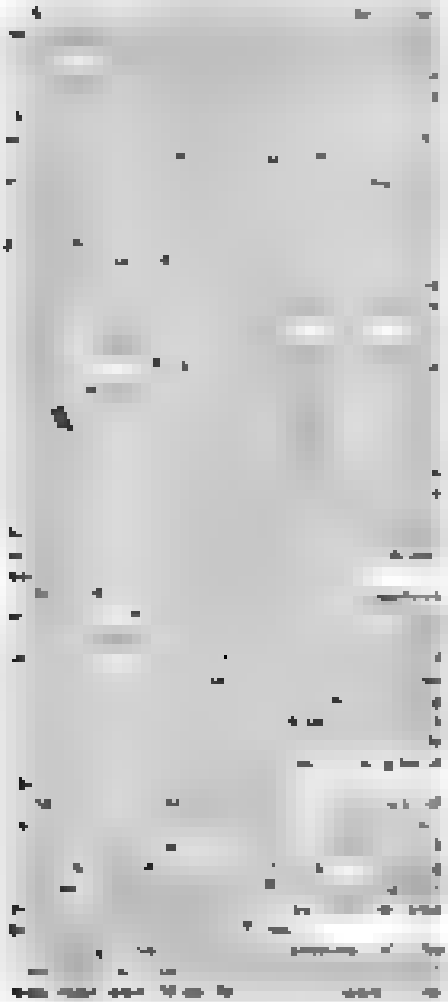
[illegible]

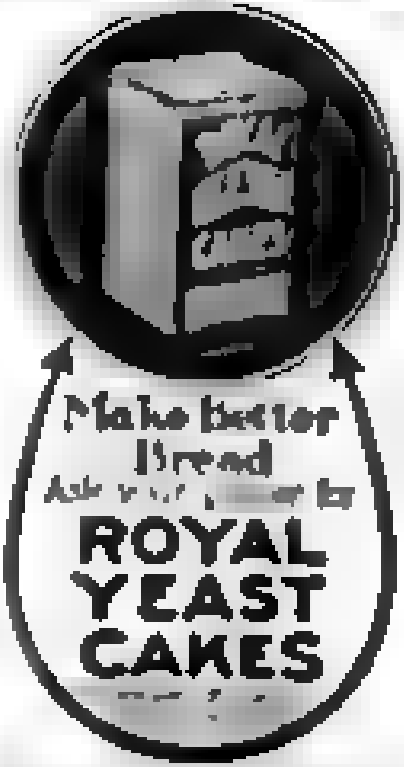
U. F. A. Junior Activities

The Juniors at the U. F. A. Convention



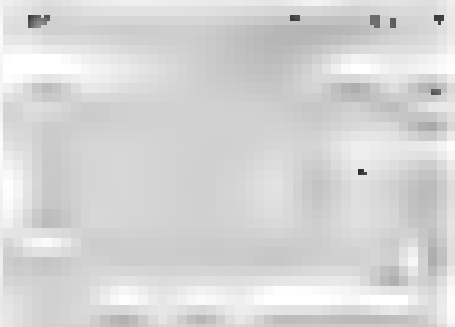


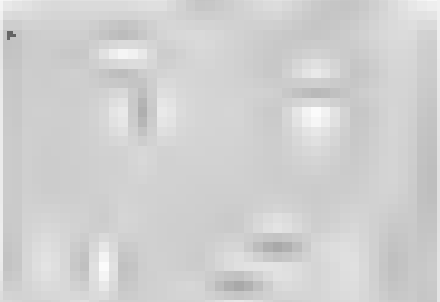


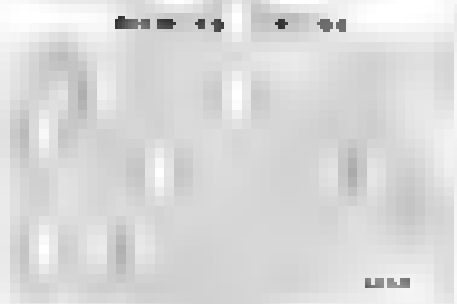


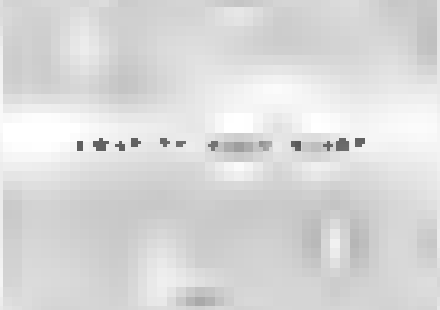
Co-operative Conference

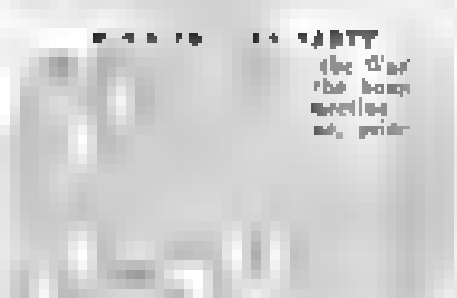
The Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Association

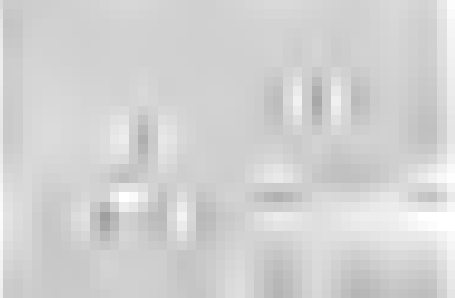


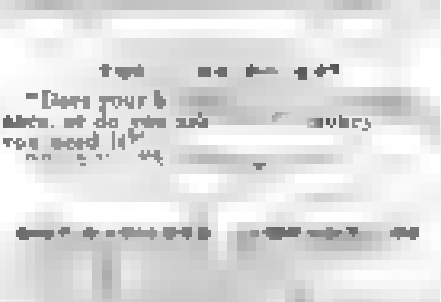












"Freedom of the Press"

"Editor and Publisher" Notes Newspaperdom's Freedom Has Narrowed Down, and Cites Reason

When the English poet, John Milton, and his successors were engaged in the fight against royal and ecclesiastical interference with the freedom of the press, they can hardly have foreseen exactly the road chosen which the twentieth century would bring. In the early days of the struggle the enemies of liberty were the state authorities, acting through the police.

In large measure, though not completely even in Canada, that fight has been won.

Today freedom is threatened from another quarter and by other weapons. Modern newspapers require large capital. Few working newspapermen are in a position to decide entirely what the public shall and shall not be allowed to read. There may be other interests to serve than those of Truth. While some large newspapers do allow a wide measure of freedom to their writers, others severely restrict the writers' expression. There are numerous questions involved, including the influence of advertisers.

Such at least is the opinion expressed by *Editor and Publisher*, a journal of magazine for newspapermen published in the United States, which is one the whole of conservative weather but liberal-tendencies, in a recent article. The periodical declared: "Every reader of *Editor and Publisher* knows that the economic social and legal restrictions on the press of this day have reached a point where here independent newspapermen. Our boasted freedom has grown narrow from the point of view as it stands. If you think to be convinced, we ask you to start telling all a man's friends that he is slightly to review at the time of where they will, and see what happens to you in a day or a week. Most newspapermen in this day are honest with the public in spite of and in defiance of laws and pressures that work in far or near degree."

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Agitation on the scaffold as the world forever abandoned because there is no social with the approval of society. It is the deed, but the doer, not the name we give it. Murder and capital punishment are not opposites that cancel one another, but monsters that breed their kind. —Bernard Shaw

COMPLETING H. B. RAILWAY

Work on the completion of the Hudson Bay Railway is progressing and [illegible] Mile 60 within 10 miles of Port Nelson. The terminus on Hudson Bay has been completed. It is expected that by the spring of 1930 the railway will be ready for operation.

The Hudson Bay Railway runs from The Pas, Manitoba, to Port Nelson, on Hudson Bay, a distance of 510 miles and when completed it will provide the shortest and cheapest route to Europe from the grain fields of Western Canada, and certainly a shorter route to Europe from the Canadian middle west. The distance to Liverpool via Port Nelson will be 4,050 miles less than from Regina, Sask., 1,000 miles less from Prince Albert, Sask., 1,550 less from Saskatoon and 1,000 less from Edmonton, Alberta, than via Montreal. The southern terminus of the H. B. Railway at The Pas links with the Canadian National Railways Winnipeg-Prince Albert line.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

"CATERPILLAR" TRACTORS & Holt Combined HARVESTERS

MARCH 6-7-8-9

FIRST TWO DAYS ON "CATERPILLARS"
LAST TWO DAYS ON HOLT COMBINES

Lectures and demonstrations by factory representatives on construction, operation and maintenance. Those interested in better, quicker and cheaper farming are cordially invited to attend.

WRITE US AND SAY:

"I Will Be Present"

Name.

Address.

CATERPILLAR

UNION TRACTOR & HARVESTER COMPANY, LIMITED

9th Avenue and 8th Street West Calgary

THRIFT The Foundation of Every Honestly Earned Fortune

LEARN THRIFT BY INVESTING IN

Alberta 4%

Demand Savings Certificates

Purchased and Redeemed at Par—Payable on Demand

For further particulars write or apply to

HON. R. G. REID
Provincial Treasurer

W. V. NEWSON
Deputy Prov. Treasurer

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, EDMONTON, ALBERTA

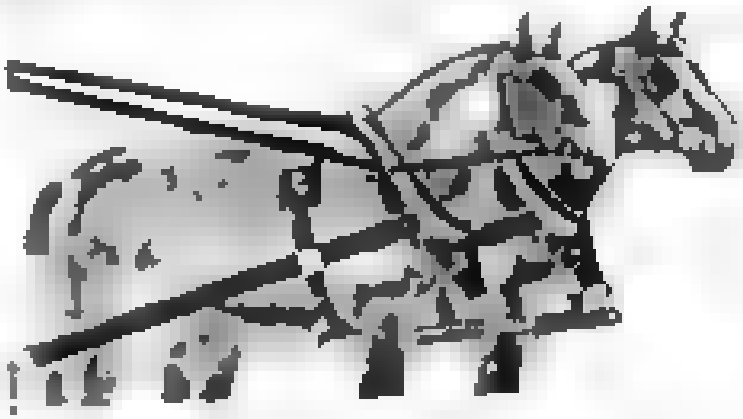
NEWS FROM ALBERTA DAIRY POOL HEAD OFFICE

Northern Alberta Dairy Pool to Erect $75,000 Dairy Plant at Once

GOOD NEWS!

OUR REMARKABLE JANUARY HARNESS OFFERING HELD OVER FOR ANOTHER MONTH

POSITIVELY YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SEASON'S GREATEST HARNESS VALUE



LOOK THESE OVER!

ROYAL HARNESS [illegible]

ROYAL HARNESS, [illegible] **$32.95**

ROYAL HARNESS [illegible] **$37.25**

ORDER NOW!

GREAT WEST SADDLERY COMPANY Limited

Ship Your Grain

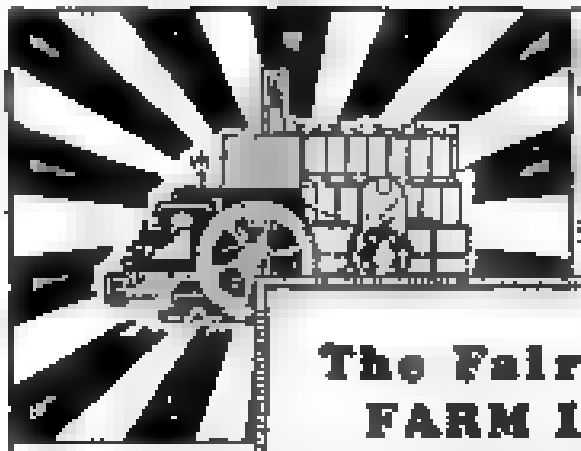
TO

UNITED GRAIN GROWERS LTD.

BANK OF HAMILTON CHAMBERS
WINNIPEG

LOUGHEED BUILDING
CALGARY

Get the fullest possible protection



It gives abundant light and power too — so cheaply

The Fairbanks-Morse FARM LIGHT PLANT

gives automatically abundant electric light for house, barn, stables and garage—safe, clean light and power too for separator, churn, grindstone, pump or washing machine. Sturdy, compact and dependable—built for long years of service.

Write our nearest branch for free illustrated booklet that tells all about it and how easy it is to install and operate.

You can depend on **Fairbanks-Morse**

Engines
Home Water Systems
Farm Light Plants
Windmills
Hammer Mills
Washing Machines

The Canadian
FAIRBANKS-MORSE Company Limited
St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Windsor, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria

STUDY CO-OPERATION AT HOME

Investigate to

Understand the Community Co-operative Movement

Become a more Intelligent member or Director of your Society, or

Prepare for employment in the Movement

TRAINED CO-OPERATORS, TRAINED DIRECTORS, AND TRAINED WORKERS ARE NEEDED IN ALL DIRECTIONS

For particulars write

CO-OPERATIVE LEAGUE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

Little West 12th St. New York City

FOR SALE

—BY—

Government Cleaning and Grading Plant

Edmonton, Alberta

REGISTERED MARQUIS WHEAT VICTORY AND BANNER OATS

Guaranteed Germination, highest quality, superior in purity. Quantities limited, purchases should be made promptly. Following prices, F.O.B. Plant, sacks included.

Prices for Oats.

1st Generation		2nd Generation		3rd Generation	
No. 1	$2.50	No.	$1.75	No. 1	$1.40
No. 2	2.00	No. 2	1.60	No. 2	.75
No. 3	.50	No. 3	1.20	No. 3	.00

Price for Wheat

1st Generation		2nd Generation		3rd Generation	
No. 1	Sold Out	No. 1	$2.80	No.	$2.20
No. 2	Sold Out	No. 2	2.40	No. 2	2.00
No. 3	Sold Out	No. 3	2.00	No. 3	1.75

Above prices subject to 5 per cent discount for ordered lots. Seed Grain tariff applies.

For Particulars apply to

W. J. STEPHEN, Field Crops Commissioner

Department of Agriculture Edmonton, Alta.

To Get the Most Money for Your

POULTRY

SHIP TO

Windsor's Produce

121-10th Ave. W. - Calgary

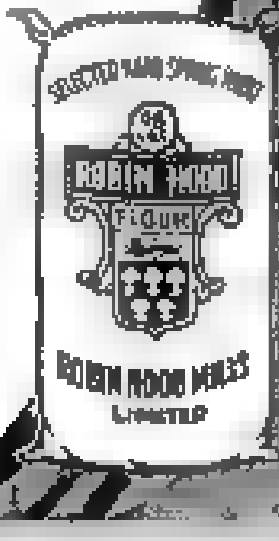
NEWS FROM THE HEAD OFFICE of the ALBERTA LIVESTOCK POOL

Annual Meeting of Livestock Pool in Edmonton March 5th

Positive "MONEY BACK" Guarantee in each bag

Robin Hood flour is milled from finest selected hard spring wheat--the cream of Western Canada's crop

Robin Hood FLOUR



COCKSHUTT

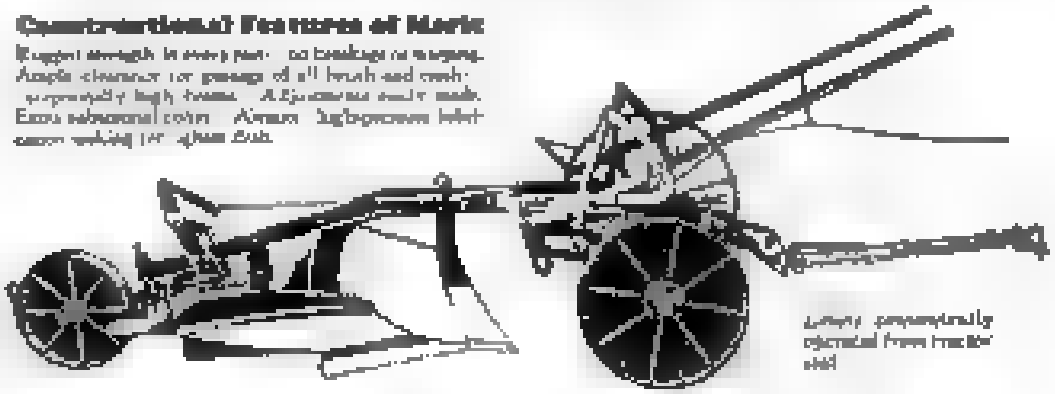
Power Lift Scrub Breaker

"A New Plow for Better Breaking"

Don't let your scrub land lie idle any longer. Get a Cockshutt Scrub Breaker and let it put dollars in your pocket. Here is the ideal implement for putting scrub land under cultivation with a minimum of time and labour. Built with rugged strength to tackle successfully thick, bushy growth.

Constructional Features of Merit

Rugged strength in every part—no breakage or warping. Ample clearance for passage of all brush and trash; exceptionally high frame. Adjustments easily made. Extra substantial cover. Always high-pressure lubrication working for lighter draft.



Lifting power mechanically operated from tractor seat

Great strength is an outstanding feature of the new Cockshutt Scrub Breaker.

Be sure to see this Plow at the nearest Cockshutt Agency or write our nearest branch house for Cockshutt Power Lift Scrub Breaker Folder

COCKSHUTT PLOW COMPANY, LIMITED

Winnipeg Regina Saskatoon Calgary Edmonton

"Cockshutt Implements Make Farming Pay Better"

THE COMING DIVORCE OF MARRIED

How Will the Revaluation Scheme Affect the Soldier Settlers Financially?

Agricultural Short Courses

A Canadian View of Russian Educational Progress

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

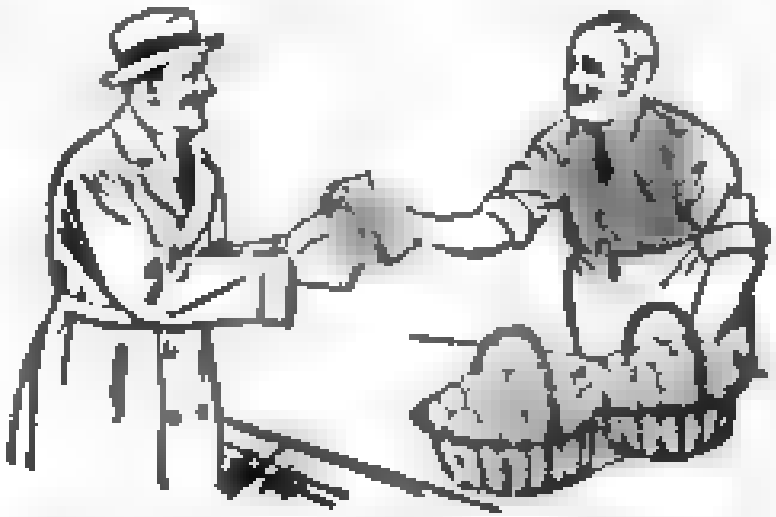
[illegible]

"Canada and Democratic Government"

[illegible]

Farm Investigations

Danger of Higher Costs



"The Best Eggs in the Store"

—from Kerswood-fed Birds

Ask the Woman!

New Stockholm

30 Days Free Trial
Don't Pay for 4 Months

Write

WRITE FOR FREE BOOK

Power Committee of U.F.A. Presents Strong Case for Public Ownership

power
every
effort
control
power
first

A
either
electrical

American
matters people
can be Power

[illegible]

Big Pay Profits for Brothers

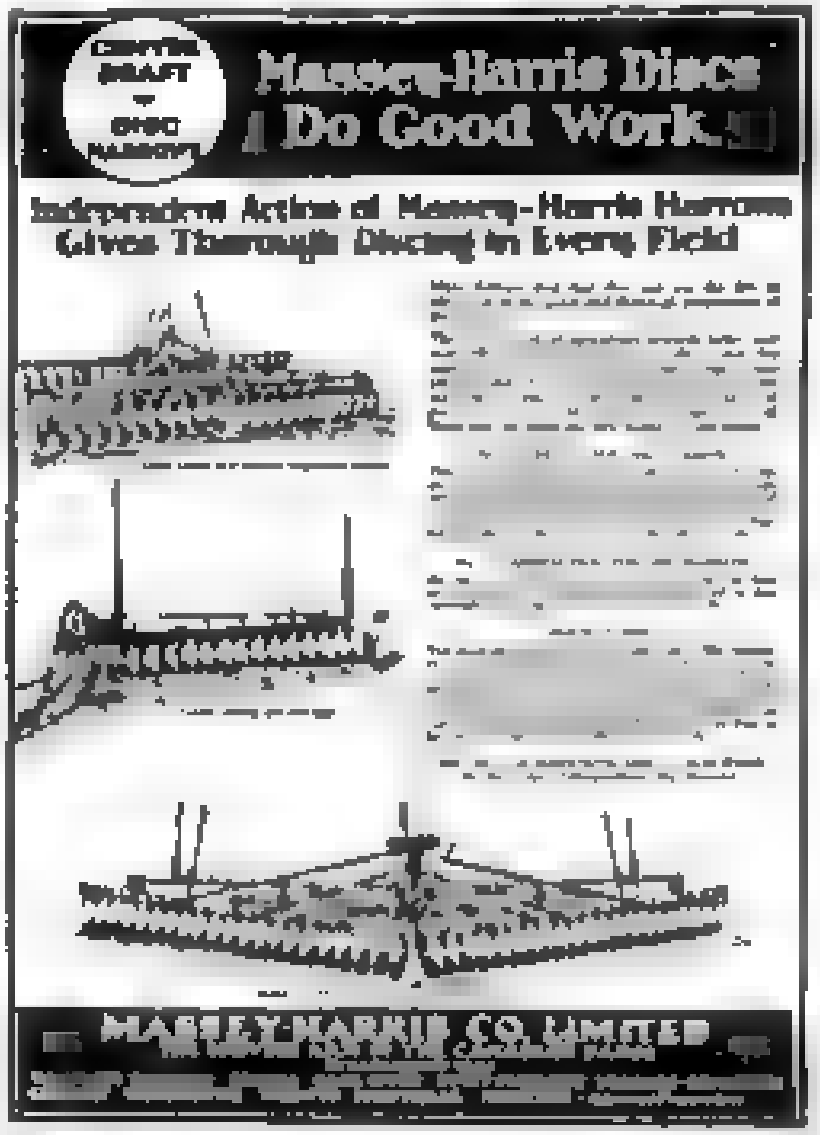
[illegible]

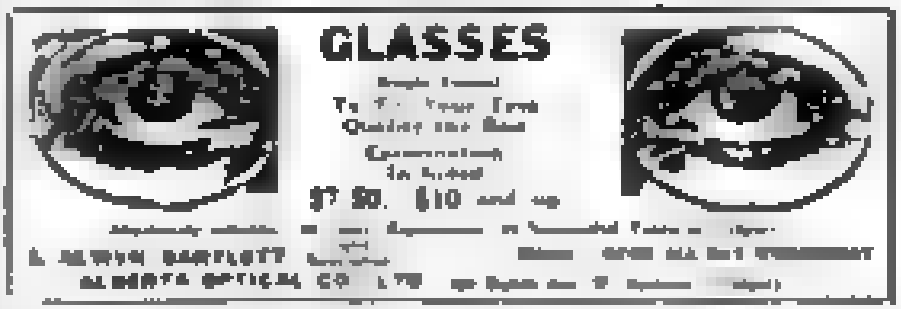
Some Astounding Comparisons

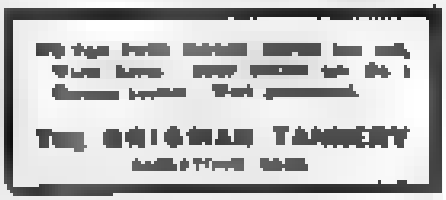
[illegible]

The Consumer Pays the Taxes

[illegible]







NEWS of the ORGANIZATION

SPEAKERS ON MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE

The U.F.A. Central Office will be glad to arrange an itinerary for a speaker on the subject of Mutual Fire Insurance if a sufficient number of Locals intimate that they would be glad to hear such a speaker. The Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Co. have offered to supply a speaker.

treated to fine addresses, when A. Speakman, M.P., replied to the toast 'Our Province' by W. A. Jones. Nelson Smith, M.L.A., responded to the toast 'The U.F.A.' proposed by Edward Ronneberg. Mr. Ronneberg was re-elected president and Mr. Jones is the vice-president."

BALEY SQUAB DINNER

Baley U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals put on a squab dinner to make a little extra money for convention expenses, says a report from H. J. Flock, president of the U.F.A. Local. "About eighty members and their friends gathered at the ranch home of L. H. Jelliff, M.P. As there were only 72 squabs, some had to be satisfied with just chicken. After the dinner there was a program, but this was curtailed owing to the recent death of one of our members, R. J. Gillespie; and before the gathering dispersed all stood in silence for one minute in respect to Mr. Gillespie's memory."

BEAVERLODGE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Beaverlodge U.F.A. Local was held at the home of Arnold Johnson, when the following officers were elected: J. O. Johnson, president; Homer Jaque, vice-president; and A. Johnson, secretary. "We have decided to hold our meetings in the members' homes, as it lends a more social atmosphere," writes Mr. Johnson. "Our Wheat Pool delegate, H. Keith, gave us a very instructive report, and W. F. Grafton outlined the elevator business. V. C. Flint, H. Jaque, C. P. Pool and D. M. Alison were appointed a Wheat Pool Committee."

Peace River U.F.A. Holds Convention

The Annual Convention of the Peace River U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Federal Constituency Association was held in Edmonton Labor Hall, on Monday, January 14th, with a fair number of delegates and visitors present from all parts of the Constituency. Carl Antonson was appointed Chairman.

Interesting papers were read by Mrs. Rabb and Mrs. Jackson. The principal speaker was D. M. Kennedy, M.P., who gave a brief outline of the past session at Ottawa pointing out just how the different groups voted on all the important questions.

H. Critchlow, I. V. Macklin, and Mrs. E. H. Etheridge addressed the Convention briefly on organization.

The following officers were elected: President, Carl Antonson; 1st vice-president, Mrs. R. J. Rabb; 2nd Vice-president, I. V. Macklin; directors: L. Canning, S. Simpson, L. Bone, H. Critchlow, A. Oslund, Jos. Bent, F. L. Irwin.

JOS. MERSMER,
Secretary.

THE

Western Empire Life

ASSURANCE COMPANY

EXTRACTS FROM 1928 REPORT

Assets	$ 1,447,392.56
Premium Income	291,041.42
Interest Earned	93,693.95
Policy Reserves	1,091,648.00
Insurance Issued	2,348,867.00
Insurance in Force	10,508,908.00
Paid to Policyholders and Beneficiaries since commencing business	345,894.99

High Interest Earnings

The high interest earnings of the Company—7.36 per cent on the mean ledger assets—the very favorable mortality experience and the moderate expense are again reflected in the splendid profits being paid to Policyholders.

Write for Copy of Annual Report

HEAD OFFICE - - WINNIPEG, MAN.

WM. SMITH, President

HON. R. W. CRAIG BRIG.-GEN. H. M. DYER, Vice-Pres.

F. C. O'BRIEN, Secretary-Treasurer

BRANCH OFFICE
604-6 P. Burns Building, Calgary
GEORGE F. DRIVER
Manager for Southern Alberta

BRANCH OFFICE
413 Empire Building, Edmonton
E. R. DAME
Manager for Northern Alberta

SEED AND FEED

MARQUIS WHEAT FOR SALE—FIELD INSPECTED, reg. No. 3, third generation, $1.25 a bushel, outside, f.o.b. Woodlaw. Also reg. No. 2 third generation, sacked and sealed, $1.75 bushel. Also Victory Oats, reg. No. 1 third generation, 98 per cent germination, $0.60 bushel, sacked and sealed. J. R. Hammond, Hythe, Alberta.

YELLOW SWEET CLOVER SEED MAKES FINEST hay than other varieties, 10 cents lb. W. C. Hall, Lethbridge.

THIRD GENERATION MARQUIS WHEAT,—Eligible for registration, Government germination test 94 per cent. Price, $1.50, sheaved. L. W. Robinson, Veteran.

GRANDY CO. WHITE BLOSSOM SWEET CLOVER Seed.—About two weeks earlier than the ordinary variety, of finer stem, and more leafy. Limited quantity at 15 cents per lb. A. J. Kubat, Tofield, Alta.

SPRINGBANK W.P.A. REGISTERED CARLOAD SEED oats, also some barley. Send samples, price and test. H. H. Longway, Secretary, R.R.2, Calgary.

SEED OATS—TWO CARS VICTORY, No. 1 SEED, Germination 99 per cent in 6 days. Price and particulars on application to J. A. Bruce & Co., 360 Lancaster Bldg., Calgary. Phone W2528.

MARQUIS WHEAT, CERTIFIED NO. 1 SEED.—Field inspected, eligible for registration, 2nd generation, cleaned, grown on breaking. Germination test 96. Price, $1.50, sacks extra. Thos. Noble, Dewinton, Alta.

GARNET WHEAT, NO. 1 SEED, CERTIFICATE 68-2018. Germination 97 per cent in 6 days. Price per bushel, $1.50. John Bryenton, Granisle, Alta.

NURSERY STOCK

FOR BEST RESULTS PLANT HARDY, ACCLIMATIZED, tested, healthy dug stock, direct from growers, at reasonable prices. Our Catalogue will convince you. Write for copy now. West End Nurseries, Calgary. Phone W2552.

Malting Barley

REGISTERED SEED

of a special strain of O. A. C.21, tested and approved by us for malting purposes, can be obtained from Major H. G. L. STRANGE, of Fenn, Alberta, at $1.75 per bushel sacked, sealed, inspected and Registered f.o.b. FENN, ALBERTA.

Canada Malting Co.,
LIMITED
Calgary

A DELEGATE'S SURVEY

(Continued from page 7)

least some of the great utilities was proven in the debate on the motion that the Province acquire ownership and control of hydro-electric power. There is evidence of a marked feeling that this is an urgent matter, that action has been deferred a little too long perhaps enabling corporations to get a foothold on the public domain from which they can be dislodged only with difficulty. A large number of resolutions had been forwarded from various Local and Constituency Associations on this important topic; and the passing of the resolution selected can leave no doubt in the minds of the Provincial Government as to where the U.F.A. stands in the matter.

New School Act

One of the closest debates of the Convention took place over the proposed new School Act. A brochure setting forth the proposals of the Hon. Perren Baker, Minister of Education, was summarized and explained by him at the request of the Convention. The discussion which followed proved that even the United Farmers of Alberta are conservative in some matters.

The possibility of increased taxation seemed to loom large in the minds of many causing at least one lady delegate to voice sharp protest that there were greater issues at stake. Apparently many trustees of rural schools were present. Some expressed resentment at criticisms spoken and implied of rural trustee boards. Some again appeared to be jealous of the possible loss of local autonomy and to fear the setting up of what they were pleased to regard as a bureaucracy. Mr. Baker however pointed out that all the administrative boards under the new scheme were elective bodies and that no attempt was being made to remove power from the taxpayer.

Desire for Progress Prevails

It was very noticeable that none challenged the argument that our system of rural education is antiquated and inefficient. What opposition expressed itself seemed to be grounded in fear of something new and untried and possibly expensive. The desire for progress even though involving drastic changes prevailed in the end by a vote of 206 to 161. In the opinion of the writer the minority group is not so much opposed to change and progress in education as it is unconvinced of the workability of the proposed scheme.

Much could be written about the personalities of the Convention but one must refrain. In re-electing H. W. Wood as President for the fourteenth time the delegates gave proof of a confidence amounting almost to reverence despite an effort by a few to gracefully retire him to the position of honorary president. The great bulk of the members of the Association are apparently satisfied that though Mr. Wood's time is largely taken up by his chairmanship of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Pool his retention of the leadership of the U.F.A. is a vital matter. He has provided the movement with a social philosophy and been a centre of energy for it during the years of his tenure of office. The feeling was expressed around the Convention that though he may not be able to go out to many local meetings, guidance and the striking of the right note now and then are of paramount importance and ample justification for his continuing to be the head of the movement.

The confidence of the Convention in the Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Premier of Alberta, was also demonstrated when he appeared to defend the Government against a vote of censure brought forward from a constituency convention on the ground that the desire of the farmers had not been met for the application of the Debt Adjustment Act to the whole of the Province as well as to the areas of the south-west affected by the drought of a few years ago. The great majority of the delegates were apparently quite convinced of the reasonableness of the stand of the Government in the matter after the explanations given by the Premier.

A Great Convention

It was a great Convention. For independence of thought it is remarkable. For good humor and tolerance it is conspicuous. For application to the immediate task it is outstanding. For earnest devotion to great ends it would be hard to surpass. Its member are led but do not follow blindly. Its leaders lead but do not dominate. It has the confidence of common folk in many walks of life. It has the ear of Governments. The press of the cities which at other times has opposed it, sometimes with bitterness, accords it unstinted space and in some instances unqualified praise. As the years roll by and the movement becomes rooted in the past, associated in the memories of thousands with moments of of vision and inspiration, linked inseparably with great characters and splendid achievement, it will be recognized as one of the great annual events of the Province and of the Dominion, a transformer of social energies, making available currents of light and power for the day that is and the generations that are to be.

CONDEMN TRACKWAYS BILL

The U.F.A. Central Board, at its first meeting following the Annual Convention, unanimously endorsed the resolution of the Handhills Constituency Convention condemning the "Trackways" Bill.

EDITORIAL

(Continued from page 3)

RELATIVE COSTS OF POWER

It is the experience of communities in which electrical energy is owned by efficient public authorities that power for the small consumer, including the rural consumer, is obtainable much more cheaply than where private monopoly is unchallenged. It is also clear that, other things being equal, a Provincial undertaking in the long run can produce power more cheaply, because it is not under the necessity of paying such high rates for the use of capital as the private companies.

* * *

THE TRACKWAYS BILL

The "Trackways" Bill, which failed of enactment by a narrow majority last session, is again filed for consideration by the Assembly during the present session. Arguments which were advanced against this measure a year ago appeared conclusive; nothing has occurred since to invalidate them. The resolution condemning the bill which was listed on the Convention program was among the large number not dealt with owing to lack of time. Following the Convention a resolution expressing opposition to the proposed scheme was unanimously adopted by the Central Board. Incidentally, the Premier made it clear in the former debate that money would not be released for market roads by the passing of this bill.

* * *

Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Field, who retired from office in the U.F.W.A. at the Annual Convention, have had active periods of service in the Association. Mrs. Gunn first came into prominence through her work in connection with the young people, and her report on this branch of the farm women's activities given at the 1919 Convention. At the next succeeding Convention she was elected to the Executive, and held the position of Vice-President until 1924, when she succeeded Mrs. M. L. Sears as President. She was therefore President for five years. Mrs. Gunn has brought to her work in the organization a cultivated and incisive mind. Her successive Annual Addresses have revealed no narrow conception of the role which the farmers and farm women may perform through organization in the raising of the standards of their communities, but have presented, as the goal to be realized through organization, a completely co-operative social order.

Mrs. Field appears in the group photograph of U.F.W.A. Directors elected at the 1919 Convention, so that her term of office covered almost the same period as Mrs. Gunn's. She was a member of the U.F.W.A. Board each year until 1924, when she became Vice-President. While this office, which she held continuously until the recent Convention, brought her less prominently before the membership, the qualities which she was able to bring to bear in the work of the Association were in many respects similar to those of Mrs. Gunn. She combines a fine culture with broad sympathies, and has been a quiet but very effective force in the building up of the women's section of the organization.

* * *

WHY FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION?

"There is no safety except in the old liberal principle of absolute freedom for the expression of opinion; it is the only liberty that can be absolute. The opinions that most need to be secured freedom are precisely those considered by the great majority of people to be anti-social, immoral, blasphemous or subversive. The opinions of the majority can take care of themselves. I do not deny that liberty of opinion may do some harm, but I maintain that experience has shown that repression does more harm. And we run the risk of suppressing something that may turn out to be of immense value to the world, as has more than once happened in the past. . . . . There have been, and are wide differences of opinion in different periods and even in different countries at the same period, as to what is or is not anti-social. I have seen within my own lifetime opinions pass from the stage of being considered anti-social by nine people out of ten to that of being accepted by nine people out of ten as matters of course."—Robert Dell in *The Nation and Athenaeum*, London.

POULTRY

PURE BRED MARTIN STRAIN WHITE WYANDOTTE cockerels, $2.00 each. Mrs. Chas. Cummings, Wetaskiwin. P.O. Rightview, Alta.

S.C. WHITE LEGHORNS AND LIGHT BRAHMA from imported stock. Buy your hatching eggs, chicks, pullets and mature stock from the farm that has proved its efficiency in all parts of the Prairie Provinces. Our birds have been bred to lay for generations. Reports of egg production show as high as 32 per cent this winter. All eggs incubated are from our own stock and from from our pullets and are mated to high pedigree R.O.P. males. Write for 1929 catalogue. Riverside Poultry Farm, Hammond, B.C.

PURE BRED WHITE WYANDOTTE COCKERELS—$2 each. George Rice, Czestaire, Alta.

WANTED—A YOUNG TOULOUSE GANDER, 10 lbs. or over. Wm. Ross, Gladys, Alta.

S.C. WHITE AND S.C. BLACK LEGHORNS—Cockerels, booking orders for baby chicks, hatching eggs; mating list. Weskerall, 1525 13-A St. West, Calgary.

BARRED ROCK COCKERELS, EXHIBITION, FROM good laying strain, $3.00 and $5.00. H. Pickering, Sylvan Lake, Alta.

GOVERNMENT BANDED BRONZE TURKEYS.—Tom, $10—$15. Pullets, 20 lbs. over, $5. Eggs in April, 25c each. Order now. Mrs. John Dorsett, Sundown, Alberta.

PUREBRED BUFF ORPINGTON COCKERELS.—$2.00 each. J. R. Spalding, Cardston. Phone 614.

BARRED ROCK COCKERELS FROM EXCELLENT laying strain, $2.00 each. R. Berry, Guthrie, Alberta.

TOULOUSE GEESE, $6.00; GANDERS, $4.00. Harry Gardner, Cayley, Alberta.

PUREBRED BARRED ROCK COCKERELS.—Winter egg strain, $2.00 each. Mrs. W. Hynek, Stones, Alta.

ROSE COMB RED COCKERELS—FROM TRAP-nested and R.O.P. stock. Our own good laying strain, $3.00 each. Lyle Poultry Farm, Arrowwood, Alta.

MARTIN LAYING STRAIN MATURE WYANDOTTE Cockerels, $3.00. John Young, Smoldow, Alta.

WHITE WYANDOTTE COCKERELS FROM R.O.P. Stock, $4.00; 3 for $10.00. Only few left. Mrs. A. Thorrold, Galta, Alta.

FOR SALE—PEARL GUINEA, $1.25 EACH.—Mrs. K. V. Gray, Route 3, Tofield.

S.C. BLACK MINORCA COCKERELS AND PUL-lets, $1.50 each. Pullets laying now. Mrs. Wm. Hermann, Milo, Alberta.

BARRED ROCK COCKERELS, TWO DOLLARS each. Harvey Hanson, Nanaka, Alta.

BABY CHICKS—PUREBRED, FROM BRITISH Columbia sunfrosted R.O.P. Rocks. Hatched in Calgary. White Leghorns, Wyandottes, Barred Rocks, Rhode Island Reds. Guarantee 100 per cent live delivery. Send for literature. Canadian Hatcheries, P.O. 1604, Calgary.

BUD-TO-LAY S.C. W. LEGHORN COCKERELS from Government imported Rocks, $2.00 each. W. Weatherdon, Rolleyville, Alberta.

ALBERTA BRONZE TURKEY RESERVES ASSO-ciation—Sponsored by Dominion Government, has hundreds of imported, graded and banded turkeys. Prices: Grade "A" toms, $25; Pullets, $15. "B" $10—$10. "C" $10—$7.00. Order through W. C. Lyle, Secretary, Arrowwood, Alta.

BARRED ROCK BOOSTERS—LARGE VIGOROUS birds, March hatched, from dams of pens 200 to 300 eggs. Sire from dam 275 to 300, $3.50 each. Pure Bred Pekin Ducks or Drakes, $2 each. Homer Pigeons, $1 pair. Noel Fairbrough, Morris, Alta.

BABY CHICKS—CANADA'S BEST-TO-LAY, 100 per cent alive guaranteed. Breeding Certificate sent with chicks from tested, trapnested Leghorns, Barred Rocks, Reds, Anconas, Minorcas, Wyandottes, Orpingtons. 12 month Poultry Course Free. Incubators, Brooders, Free Catalogue. Alex. Taylor's Hatchery, 362 Furby St., Winnipeg, Man.

SELECTED PUREBRED BUFF ORPINGTON Cockerels, April and May hatched, $4.00; two, $5.00. Mrs. T. H. Brown, Nisbet, Alta.

WHITE HOLLAND TURKEY TOMS, 20 LBS., $7.00. Geo. McClary, Onoway.

BOOK.—PRATT'S 96-PAGE BOOK OF NEW FOWL-ry Wrinkles and complete list of sprayings and diseases of poultry. Foods & Supplies Company, Calgary, agents for the Prosperity Electric Incubators.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK COCKERELS.—March, April hatched, from selected pen winter layers, $3.00; two, $5.00. Stanley Sumpsion, Morris.

Classified Section

(See also p. 46)

RATE—Five cents per word. Five insertions for the price of four; nine for the price of seven; thirteen for the price of ten; twenty-six for the price of nineteen.

TERMS—Cash with order.

Count each initial as a full word, also count each set of letters as a full word, as for example, "S. J. Smith has 2,000 bushels of Oats for sale" contains 10 words. Be sure to give your correct name and address. Do not have any replies sent to U.F.A. Central Office. Name and address will be counted as part of the advertisement and must be paid for at the same rate. All advertisements will be classified under the heading which appears most nearly to the article advertised.

Address all correspondence to "The U.F.A." Lougheed Bldg., Calgary, Alta.

BRONZE TURKEYS—BRONZE TURKEYS, TOMS, $5.00; hens, $3.00. Barred Rock cockerels, $3.00; two, $5.00. W. G. Gaye, Irma, Alta.

BRONZE TURKEY TOMS, OVER twenty lbs., each, $6.00. Mrs. C. Savins, Dalwarf, Alta.

WHITE WYANDOTTE COCKERELS, GOVERN-ment approved laying stock, heavy, vigorous, $2.00 and $3.00 each. Mrs. C. Paulet, Tofield, Alberta.

Members of the ALBERTA REGISTERED AND APPROVED FLOCKS ASSOCIATION offer strong, vigorous, well developed cockerels for sale, high production stock. Barred Rocks, White Wyandottes, S.C. White Leghorns and other leading breeds.

Apply to Secretary

J. H. HARE, *Poultry Commissioner,*

Parliament Bldgs. *Edmonton*

FARM MACHINERY

3-4 H.P. GAS ENGINE WITH MAGNETO, 6-MO. mounted $400. Mastag, Calgary.

HELP WANTED, MALE

WANTED, PERSONS TO GROW MUSHROOMS for us in your cellar rooms, all spring. Earn upwards of $15.00 weekly. Start now. Illustrated booklet for stamp. Dominion Mushroom Co., Toronto 2.

HEALTH

OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH HOME, CALGARY—Fasting, Dieting, Baths, Electricity, Massage. Nervous diseases. Piles specialty.

LEGAL AND PATENTS

MOORE, ROSS, SHAW & MACDOOD—BARRISTERS, Solicitors, Notaries. Imperial Bank Bldg., Calgary.

FORD, MILLER & MARVIN, BARRISTERS, SOLI-citors, Patent Attorneys and Agents for all countries. 65 Canada Life Bldg., Calgary. Patent drawings and applications prepared by our own staff, ensuring secrecy and prompt service.

A. LAFFAN & COMPANY—BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, Notaries, 111 6th Ave. W., Calgary, M3625. Specializing in Domestic Law, including probate, divorce and settlement of estates.

W. H. SELLAR
Barrister and Solicitor
306 Grain Exchange Building, Calgary
Phone M7046 Res. Phone M6864

CLEANING AND DYEING

Garments and Household Goods
of all kinds cleaned and dyed. Price list and information upon request.
EMPIRE CLEANING & DYEING CO., Ltd.
224-226 Twelfth Ave. West, Calgary, Alta.

FARM LANDS

G. F. TOLL & ANDREW LTD., 300 LANCASTER Bldg., Calgary. We have opened a Farm Land Department and would appreciate your listings. Kindly write for our Listing Forms.

WANTED—BRAN FROM OWNER GOOD FARM for sale. Cash price, particulars. D. F. Peak, Minnewanka, Mont.

WEST OF THE ROCKIES, IN THE FRASER RIVER Valley, British Columbia, lies the wonderful Bonsa District. Here in a land blessed with fertility, a delightfully mild climate and scenic beauty, several thousands of acres have been developed and may be purchased on attractive terms. There is no clearing to be done and the land is ready to produce. Dyking and intensive drainage systems are completed, roads constructed and acreage has been ploughed and seeded with clover. Productive alluvial soil grows anything and the country is particularly suited to mixed farming. Good roads and four railways serve the district. Proximity to Vancouver and other centres together with the Co-operative Dairymen's organization, facilitates marketing. Wonderful opportunity for farmers to prosper and enjoy life. For full particulars and free folder, apply to Bonsa Commissioner, Department K, Court House, New Westminster, B.C.

FISH

FAMOUS COLD LAKE TROUT AND WHITEFISH. Write for prices. E. A. Lefebvre, Cold Lake, Alta.

REMNANTS

1 LB. LARGE GINGHAM QUILT PATCHES, 75c.; 4 lbs., $2. 1 lb. Gingham Remnants, 90c; 3 lbs., $2. 2 lbs. Velvet, Crepons or Silk pieces, $4.00. A. McCreary, Chatham, Ont.

FENCE POSTS, LUMBER AND FUEL

FOR CEDAR FENCE POSTS TRY US.—PRICES Timber Co., Box 602, Fernie, B.C.

LUMBER—SAVE MONEY BY BUYING DIRECT. We have millions of feet dry lumber in stock for immediate shipment. Write for our special prices. Satisfaction guaranteed. Thousands of satisfied customers. Consumers' Lumber Co. Ltd., 227 Rogers Bldg., Vancouver, B.C. Reliable Retail Yards.

FENCE POSTS, CORDWOOD, CORRAL POLES—All kinds. North West Coal Co., Edmonton, Alberta.

LUMBER, SHINGLES, FENCE POSTS, POLES, cordwood and slabs. Write for delivered prices. Enderslee Lumber Co., Vancouver, B.C.

MISCELLANEOUS

PERMANENT BOOT BANKS, IMMEDIATELY overcome dry tobacco habit. Send address. A. C. Straley, Mulbank, Florida.

DANCING SCHOOL—WALTZ TWENTY MINUTES, learn to dance in Three Days or no charge. Private rooms for beginners. Lessons daily at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Holmes's Academy of Dancing, La Fleche Building, 102nd St., Edmonton.

POVERTY AMIDST PLENTY, A SCIENTIFIC Analysis, by C. F. J. Galloway, B.Sc., F.R.G.S. "An admirable treatise on the money question, one of the very best, completely covering the subject."—"The American Worker." Price—"U.F.A." Office, 10c.

MAN AND WIFE WANT POSITION ON FARM.—White Lotus Delog, Irma, Alta.

LIVESTOCK

PUREBRED YORKSHIRES, PRICE $6 DOLLARS. Papers extra.—A. Jorgen, Hardisty, Alta.

FOR SALE—SHORTHORN BULLS.—PEARL DRAGhorn, Wetaskiwin, Alta.

IF YOU WANT ANGORA CATS CHEP AND good clean pets, that will live on the waste roughage of the farm, grow mohair. A little co-operation in each community will make it easy to start. Write W. D. Trego, Arrowwood, Alta.

AGENTS WANTED

McCALL OFFERS NEW OPPORTUNITY.—THE McCall Fashion Company, for years the leading creators of Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Dresses and Coats, have entered the Direct Selling Field. This firm's reputation holds out wonderful opportunity to all men and women engaged in Direct Selling. Share in their success. No matter what you are selling now the McCall styles and service will double your income. Positively the only manufacturers of ladies' wear selling direct. No Competition. Nation-wide reputation wins welcome everywhere. Positive money-back guarantee clinches sales. Write for full facts. McCall Fashion Company, Dept. 43, Box 1655, Montreal.

THE "BULL DOG" DIESEL TYPE TRACTOR
COMES TO CANADA

The "Lanz" Bull Dog, the famous crude-oil burning tractor, can now be obtained through Agents in Canada. The Bull Dog tractor operates easily and burns cheap crude oil, costing 12c per gallon f.o.b. Calgary. This tractor uses only one gallon and a quarter per hour and operates at about one-third the cost of the ordinary gas tractor.

The "Lanz" Bull Dog is the only farm tractor that combines the DIESEL engine. Its simple construction has eliminated completely such trouble makers as spark plugs, magnetos, carburetors, timing gears, valves, valve springs, cams and cam shafts. The Bull Dog tractor operates with the same ease as the DIESEL engines, which have been used for years in the biggest ships on the ocean.

This tractor has the highest endorsement of British Agricultural Engineers and independent trade papers. It has been successfully used for ten years and is far beyond the experimental stage. It is sturdily built and scientifically designed as a complete unit with all working parts totally enclosed in dust-proof and oil-tight casings.

Ten Thousand "LANZ" Bull Dog Tractors Now in Use!

LANZ "BULL DOG"
The 16x30 H.P. "LANZ" Crude-Oil Tractor HSA II Farm Tractor with Standard Wheels. Supplied with Spade Lugs if desired.

FARM AND ROAD TRACTOR

The Bull Dog is a thoroughly practical tractor for every type of agricultural work: plowing, cultivating, harrowing, and operates easily regardless of the heaviness of the ground even in hilly districts. It works wonders on a thresher and for haulage work it positively cannot be beaten.

The Bull Dog Tractor is distributed throughout the British Empire by the Locomobile Engineering Co. of London, England, one of the largest distributors of Diesel power plants in the world.

LOW COST FOR MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP

The up-keep cost of this tractor is exceedingly low. Its freedom from break-down and the small cost for repairs makes the Bull Dog the most practical tractor for all-round farm work. Heinrich Lanz, the Manufacturer of the Bull Dog Tractor, has been in business over sixty-five years, and his Company is the largest manufacturer of farm implements in Europe. Send now for full information regarding the Bull Dog. We will send you a folder giving complete details and arrange an appointment so you can actually see the Bull Dog in operation. We have a few territories open where Agencies can be secured.

OFFICIAL TEST

During a ten-hour plowing competition in Edmonton, Alberta, with another well known make of gas tractor of the same size, the Bull-Dog plowed more land and at only a fraction of the cost for fuel consumed by the other machine. The competing tractor used $7.15 worth of fuel. The Bull Dog fuel for the same time and for plowing more land cost $1.96.

The Saving of fuel through use of the "Bull Dog" will pay for your tractor in three years' operation.

INVESTIGATE NOW—MAIL THIS COUPON

SPECIFICATIONS

Horsepower, 16-30.

Over all dimensions:

Extreme length, 10 ft. 6 ins.

Extreme width, 3 ft. 3 ins. with rim extensions 7 ft. 3 ins.

Extreme height to top of exhaust, 7 ft. 6 ins.

Width of track, 4 ft. 3 ins.

Travelling wheels, front wheels, diam., 3 ft. 10 ins. Face, 7 3-4.

Belt Pulley, diameter, 27 ins. Face, 10 ins. Rev. p.m. 300.

Net weight of standard tractor, about 5,000 pounds.

Engines: Vertical single cylinder two cycle engine of the semi-diesel type with self-ignition, forced feed lubrication, spring loaded shaft governor, radiator cooled.

This tractor can be supplied with spade lugs, feeders will cover wheels for Canadian conditions.

Clutch with double coupling, both for travelling and belt work.

Gearing: Three speeds forward and one reverse, totally enclosed in a dust-proof and oil-tight gear box. Final drive through differential gearing.

Fuel: Crude Oil, Tar Oil, Gas Oil, Paraffin, etc., etc.

Fuel consumption, about 3½ per hour.

Lubricating oil, about half gallon per 10 hours.

Speed: 2, 3, 4, miles per hour.

BULL DOG TRACTOR CO.

Branches at

CALGARY: 311 Lancaster Bldg.
PHONE M5495

EDMONTON: 444 Taylor Building
PHONE 2566

Printed for the United Farmers of Alberta at the office of the Alberta Job Press Limited, 310-316 Arcade Bldg. Calgary, Alberta